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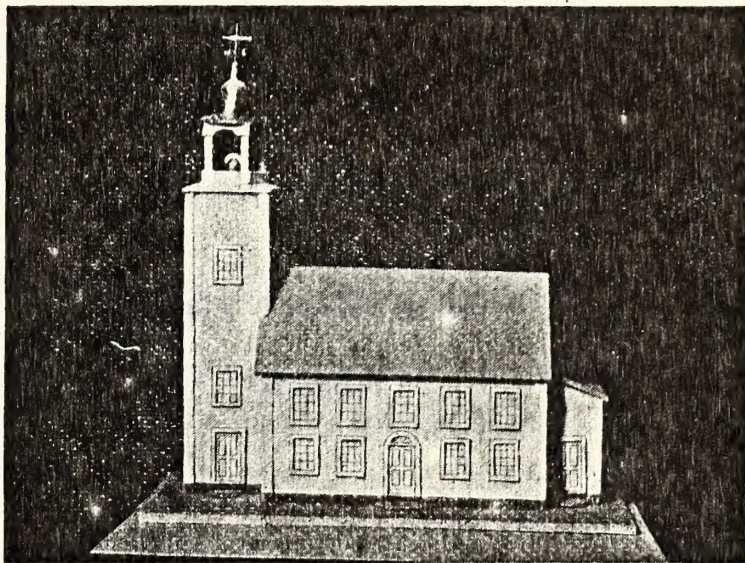
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Of the present membership only twenty-eight reside in Topsfield. There should be a very much larger percentage of our population enrolled and if each member would only ask a neighbor or friend to join, without doubt the Society would thereby be benefited and also a benefit to the Society. The gatherings held during each year present opportunities for social intercourse where there are no social, political or business relations. The collection of Collections in itself is certainly worth more than the small assessment. May I ask that each member contribute the name of at least one new member during the coming year. The simple request on meeting a friend will be all that is necessary in many cases for no

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE SECRETARY OF THE

TOPSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 30, 1911.

The membership of the Society on December 30, 1911 was 236. Only one new member was elected during the past year, while one has resigned, eleven have been dropped for nonpayment of annual dues and five have died:—Mrs. Amanda D. Clifford of Topsfield, William Orrin Hood of Danvers, John E. Morris of Hartford, Conn., Augustus V. Peabody of Malden, and John Henry Smith of Salt Lake City.

Three meetings of the Society have been held at which papers were read by Hon. Arthur H. Wellman and the Secretary. Volumes 15 and 16 of the Historical Collections have both been completed and distributed during the year and volume 17 is partly in type. In volume 16 two groups of tintype portraits of Topsfield people, taken about 1868, were included with accompanying short biographical sketches. These have aroused considerable interest and in following volumes it is proposed to continue the series. Accordingly it is suggested that the Secretary be permitted to have access to tintype albums preserved in the various homes so that family groups of portraits may be engraved. It would be desirable to include larger engravings from photographs but the cost of reproduction is greater. This, however, can easily be done if relatives or friends would assume part of the expense. By continuing this plan, the Collections would contain in the course of time, a portrait gallery of many of our townspeople.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Of the present membership only ninety-eight reside in Topsfield. There should be a very much larger percentage of our population enrolled and if each member would only ask a neighbor or friend to join, without doubt a courtesy would thereby be conferred and also a benefit to the Society. The gatherings held during each year present opportunities for meeting where there are no social, political or religious distinctions, while the annual volume of Collections in itself is certainly worth more than the small assessment. May I ask you one and all to please propose the name of at least one new member during the coming year. The simple request on meeting a friend will be all that is necessary in many cases for no doubt very many people have never had the matter brought to their attention.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Secretary.

Jan. 1, 1912, Balance cash on hand,

\$201 56

THE BUILDING FUND

1911

Jan. 1, Amount on hand in Salem Savings Bank, \$812 36

Interest one year,

32 84

\$846 20

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

HENRY P. LONG,

W. FITZMAN GOULD,

Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE TOPSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 30, 1911.

RECEIPTS

1911		
Jan. 1,	Balance on hand,	\$142 72
Dec. 30,	Historical Collections sold,	13 50
"	Annual dues,	173 50
"	Bindings sold,	47 50
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		\$377 22

PAYMENTS

1911		
Dec. 30	Printing Vol. 15 balance,	\$12 25
"	Binding Vol. 15,	33 41
"	Printing Vol. 16,	71 36
"	Binding Vol. 16,	33 51
"	Engraving Vol. 16,	9 90
"	Stationary and printing,	11 60
"	Postage,	3 63
"	Balance,	201 56
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MRS. MARY LAKE (GOULD) NICHOLS.

Mrs. Mary Lake (Gould) Nichols who died very suddenly in Topsfield on Dec. 17, 1912, was the eldest daughter of Andrew and Mary Prudence (Lake) Gould of Topsfield, where she was born May 24, 1831 in the house long known as the David Lake house. She married Mar. 10, 1857, in Newburyport, Lucius Warren Nichols, who died in Topsfield, Aug. 26, 1888. She left one daughter, Martha E., wife of Wm. Pitman Gould of Topsfield.

Mrs. Nichols was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church with which she united in 1868 and was particularly interested in every event relating to its history. She also was a charter member of the Topsfield Historical Society and a constant attendant at its meetings. Her knowledge of local history and genealogy was extensive and freely extended to all in search of information. In November, 1885 she met with a severe accident which brought about years of physical suffering, yet she ever was one of the most cheerful of people, never idle, her busy hands constantly employed with needlework or the making of lace. Her remarkable will and high courage did much to prolong her years. She was loved by all who knew her for her bright smile and her helpful word.

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THE
EARLY RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF



MRS. MARY LAKE (GOULD) NICHOLS.

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y^r Select-

At a Lawfull Town me-
November 1725
Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
ing voted

The Town unanimously Agreed to give the reverend M^r
William Osgood a Call to Settle with us in the Ministry voted

The free holders and other inhabitation of this Town Qual-
ified According to Law for voting are to take notice to meet
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day of Decem: next After the Date hereof at 12 of the
Clock in s^d day.

THE
EARLY RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF
TOPSFIELD, MASS.

COPIED BY HENRY F. LONG.

(Continued from Vol. XVI, page 164)

The free holders and other inhabitants of this Town Qualified according to Law for voting are to take notice to meet here at the Meeting house on Monday y^e 29th of November Current at 12 of y^e Clock in said day to see if the Town will agree with y^e Church in Calling the Reverend M^r William Osgood to the work of y^e ministry in our Town

Dat. Topsfield November 10: 1725 John Hovey
Jacob Dorman Constable in the name & by order
of the rest of y^e Selectmen

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e 29 Day of November 1725

Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

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THE EARLY RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

COMPILED BY HENRY A. FINE

(Continued from Vol. II, page 104)

The free holders and other inhabitants of this Town Quall-
ified according to Law for voting are to take notice to meet
here at the Meeting house on Monday 7th 29th of November
Current at 12 of the Clock in said day to see if the Town will
agree with the Church in taking the Reverend Mr. William
Gagood to the work of a Ministry in our Town.
That Topsfield November 10: 1725 John Hovey
Jacob Dorman Constable
in the names by order
of the select Men

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield on 7th 29th Day of
November 1725
Dea^r Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
ing

The Town unanimously Agreed to give the Reverend Mr.
William Gagood a Call to Settle with us in the Ministry voted
The free holders and other inhabitants of this Town Quall-
ified According to Law for voting are to take notice to meet
here at the Meeting house in Topsfield on Friday the 10th
day of Decemr: next After the Date hereof at 12 of the
Clock in 2nd day.

1st To Choose a Committe to give M^r William Osgood a Call to the work of the Ministry in our Town

2ly To Doe any other thing or things Relating to his Settlement with us as the Town shall then think best

3ly To see if y^e Town will grant the petition of some of the inhabtance on the other side of Nickollses Brook to be set of to a new precinct & fourthly to hear the Committes return that were Chosen to Reckon with Madam Capen & to allow bills of Charge

Dated in Topsfield December the 4: 1725 order of the rest
Jacob Dorman Constable of the Selectmen
of Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield on the 10th day of Decem 1725

1 M^r Nath^l Averill is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2ly Mr Nath^l Porter Mr Eliezer Lake and Cap^t Joseph Gould are Chosen a Committe to joyn with the Committe wich the Church hath Already Chose to inform the Reverend Mr William Osgood that the town as well as y^e Church hath unanimously Made Choice of himself to be our Minister and to Settle with us in the ministry and if said mr Osgood is please to accept of the Call: that then the said Committe which the Town has now Chosen are further ordred to discourse with y^e said M^r Osgood to see upon what Terms he shall see Cause to Settle with us in the work of y^e ministry and y^e said Committe to return Mr Osgoods answer to y^e Town as soon as may be Conveniently
voted

3ly The Town agreed to give to y^e reverend Mr William Osgood Eighty pounds by the year sallary for his incouragement to settle with us in the Work of Ministry
voted

4ly The Town allowed to Mr^s Capen Twenty six pound thirteen shillings and for pence for the reverend M^r Joseph Capens service in y^e ministry from the first of March 1724-5 till y^e Last of June following
voted 26 13 4

5 The Town allowed one shilling to Clerk Elisha Perkins for timber to mend highways

The free holders and other inhabitants of this Town Quallified according to Law for Voting are to take notice to meet

here at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on fryday next after the Date hereof at 12 of the Clock on said day

1ly By Vertue of a Warrant to y^e Selectmen y^e freeholders are to make Choice of a Person to be Register of Deeds

2ly For the ffreeholders & other inhabitants to hear mr Will^m Osgoods answer to the Committe that were Chosen to give him a Call to the work of the Ministry in our Town and to act upon it as the Town shall then think best in order to his Settlement with us in said work

Dated December 18 1725 John Hovey by order
Jacob Dorman Constable of y^e Selectmen of
Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield on y^e 24th day of Decm^r 1725

1 Dea: Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator of this meeting

2ly The freeholders brought in their votes for a Register of Deeds

3ly: The Town having heard the Reverend Mr Osgoods Answer to the Town Respecting his Call to y^e work of y^e Ministry in this Town: the Town Dose Now agree to give to the Reverend Mr William Osgood one hundred pound per Annum in Currant Passable Money: or in Bills of Publick Creditt for his Sallary: and also y^e Improvement of the Parsonage Land; during the Term of his ministry amongst us

4ly The Town agreed to give two hundred pounds to R^d Mr Osgood towards his Settlement Amoungst us in y^e work of y^e ministry

5ly Whereas Mr Osgood has but one Sabbath more to Preach with us according to former agreement; therefore the Town Do now Desire him to Preach with us one month Longer then s^d agreement: and agree to give him for sd month According as the former Committe Agreed with him: viz Thirty five shillings per week

6ly The Town agreed to adjourn this meeting unto the first Tuseday of Jan^y next

the Moderator adjourned this present meeting Accordingly

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield begun & held on y^e 24 Day of December 1725 and adjourned unto y^e 4th Day

of Jan: 1725-6 at one of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon: and then met and whereas the Town did agree at said meeting on y^e 24. of December: to give two hundred pounds to the reverend Mr William Osgood towards his settlement with us in y^e work of y^e ministry the Town do now agree to pay one hundred pound of said money within this year that is now begun and y^e other hundred pound of s^d money to be paid the next year following voted

And also whereas the Town Did agree to give to the Reverend Mr William Osgood one hundred pounds per annum for his sallary: the Town Do now agree to pay in unto the s^d Mr Osgood the one half of his yearly sallary at Every half years End voted

the year to begin at y^e first of March next Ensuing untill which time Mr Osgood doth now Consent to Preach with & amoungst us as heretofore

Topsfield febr^y 11: 1725-6

The freeholders & other Inhabitance of this Town: Qualified according to Law for voting: are to take Notice to meet here at y^e meeting house on Tuseday the first of March Next after the Date hereof at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning to Choose Town Officers for y^e year Ensuing To see if the Town will agree upon sum other method of fenceing in y^e Parsonage Land then what hath already been Agreed upon: To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court and do any other thing or things as the Town shall then see best

Jacob Dorman Constable

A True Copy of the notification Attest

Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

John Howlet

Jacob Estey

William Porter

John Hovey Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull & Annual Town meeting in Topsfield on y^e 1: of March 1725-6

1ly Mr Ivory Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2ly Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing voted

3ly Corp^l Tobijah Perkins & Eben^r Nickols are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

of Jan: 1735-6 at one of 7th Clock in 7th afternoon: and then met and whereas the Town did agree at said meeting on 7th 24 of December: to give two hundred pounds to the reverend Mr William Casgood towards his settlement with us in 7th work of 7th ministry the Town do now agree to pay one hundred pound of said money within the year that is now begun and 7th other hundred pound of 7th money to be paid the next year following

And also whereas the Town did agree to give to the Rev: erend Mr William Casgood one hundred pounds per annum for his salary: the Town do now agree to pay in unto the 7th Mr Casgood the one half of his yearly salary at Every half years End

the year to begin at 7th first of March next ensuing until which time Mr Casgood hath now consent to French with 6th amongst us as heretofore

Topsfield Feb: 11: 1735-6

The freemen & other inhabitants of this Town: Quallified according to Law for voting: are to take Notice to meet here at 7th meeting house on Tuesday the first of March Next after the Date hereof at Eight of 7th Clock in 7th morning to Chose Town Officers for 7th year Ending To see if the Town will agree upon some other method of choosing in 7th Personage Land then what hath already been Agreed upon: To Chose Jurymen for Ipswich Court and do any other thing or things as the Town shall then see best

John Howley

Jacob Berman

A True Copy of the notification Attest William Porter

John Howley Select

men of Topsfield

Jacob Berman Constable

A True Copy of the notification Attest William Porter

Jacob Berman Town Clerk

At A Lasting & Annual Town meeting in Topsfield on 7th

1: of March 1735-6

7th Mr Howley is Chosen Moderator for this Meet-

ing

7th Jacob Berman is Chosen Town Clerk for 7th year En-

uing

3th Corp: Tobias Perkins & Eben: Nichols are Chosen

Constables for 7th year Ending

Corp^l Perkins having agreed with John Willdes to serve as Constable in his room the Town accepted thereof by a vote
 4ly En^s Amos Dorman Cap^t Joseph Gould Serg^t Thomas Robinson Mr Simon Bradstreet & Jacob Peabody are Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

5ly Edmond Town Nathan Byxbe & Eliezer Lake are Chosen Tything men for y^e year Ensuing voted

6ly En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing voted

7ly Mr Nath^l Averill Corp^l Joseph Town Jonathan Willds & Benjamin Knight are Chosen Serveyers of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

8ly Serg^t Joshua Town & David Balch Are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

9ly Serg^t Zacheus Gould & Joseph Robinson are Chosen Hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

10ly William Town & Joshua Town are Chosen field Drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11ly Mr Simon Bradstreet is Chosen School master for y^e year Ensuing voted

12ly Serg^t Zacheus Gould is Chosen grand jury man for y^e year Ensuing voted

Serg^t Ivory Hovey & David Balch are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at y^e next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

13ly Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year Ensuing voted

14ly Whareas the Town at a Leagal Town meeting on y^e first day of Novemb^r 1725 Did agree to fence in all y^e parsonage Land in Topsfield by y^e first day of June next following with a good sufficient fence: & the Town having Considered the Matter do now Agree to fence in all y^e parsonage Land with a good Legall stone wall voted

15ly The Town having heard y^e Reverend Mr William Os-goods Answer to the Church and Parrish Relating to his settling with us in y^e work of the Ministry: accepts thereof and ordered that it should be Entred in y^e Town book

All the Officers Chosen by y^e Town on s^d first of March 1825-6 whom the Law Requires to be sworn viz. Town Clerk, Constables, Tything men Surveyers of highway, fence view-

Constable in his town the Town accepted thereof by a vote
 4th E. Amos Dorman Cap. Joseph Gould Ser. Thomas
 Robinson M. Simon Bradstreet & Jacob Fessenden are select-
 men for 7th year Easington
 5th Edmund Town Nathan Burdett & Edward Lake are
 chosen Tithing men for 7th year Easington
 6th E. Amos Dorman is Chosen Senter of Leather for 7th
 year Easington
 7th M. Nath. Averill Corp. Joseph Town Jonathan Willis
 & Benjamin Knight are Chosen Surveyors of Highway for
 7th year Easington
 8th Ser. Joshua Town & David Hatch are Chosen fence
 viewers for 7th year Easington
 9th Ser. Zacharias Gould & Joseph Robinson are Chosen
 Hogstyes for 7th year Easington
 10th William Town & Joshua Town are Chosen field fire
 vens for 7th year Easington
 11th M. Simon Bradstreet is Chosen School master for 7th
 year Easington
 12th Ser. Zacharias Gould is Chosen grand jury man for 7th
 year Easington
 13th Ivory Hovey & David Hatch are Chosen to serve on
 7th jury of Tithes at 7th next Inferior Court to be holden at
 Ipswich
 14th M. Nath. Porter is Chosen Town Treasurer for 7th
 year Easington
 15th Whereas the Town at a legal Town meeting on 7th
 first day of November 1755 Did agree to fence in all 7th par-
 sonage Land in Topsfield by 7th first day of Jan next following
 with a good sufficient fence: & the Town having Considered
 the Matter do now Agree to fence in all 7th parsonage Land
 with a good & legal stone wall
 16th The Town having heard 7th Reverend Mr. William Os-
 goods Answer to the Church and Parish Relating to his act-
 ing with us in 7th work of the Ministry: accepts thereof and
 ordered that it should be printed in 7th Town book
 All the Officers Chosen by 7th Town on 2d first of March
 1857 & when the Law Relates to be sworn viz Town Clerk
 Constables Tithing men Surveyors of Highway, fence view-

ers, Hogreeves, field drivers & Town Treasurer were all of them sworn. Each man to his Respective office on y^e said first & fourth Days of March 1725-6 before y^e Selectmen

The Sealler of Leather Excepted: and Serg^t Tho^s Robinson & Sam^l Curtis being Chosen field drivers by y^e Proprietors of Stickey Meadow Commonfields were sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of s^d office: before y^e Selectmen on sd 1: of March

At the above sd Town meeting on y^e 1: of march: 1725-6 the Town gave Liberty for Clerk Elisha Perkins to set up a stable at y^e East End of y^e stable by M^r Capens fence

To the Church and Parish of the Town of Topsfield
Gentlemen

I have taken into serious Consideration the Invitation which you made me to settle with you in y^e Work of y^e Ministry: and likewise the Sallary which by vote you have allowed me for my subsistance in that work These are therefore to Inform you, That I readily take up with what you have already done on that account.—and I hereby do Consent to settle with you in y^e work of the ministry as Long as God shall enable me thereto

These from Him who is ready to
Serve you in the Gospel of our
Glorious Redemer

This is a true Copy of Mr Osgoods William Osgood
Answer to the Church and
Parish attest Jacob Peabody Town Cle

En^s Amos Dorman being Chosen Clerk for & by y^e Proprietors of Stickey Medow Com: on field: was sworn to y^e faithfull Discharge of s^d Office before y^e selectmen of Topsfield March 15 1725-6

Boston June 7th 1722

Rec^d of Mr Joseph Robinson Constable of Topsfield P M^r
Daniel Clark Twenty one pound four shillings & Ten pence
in full for My ffather

Jer Allen Treasurer
P Ja^s Allen

21:4:10

Rec^d of Mr Joseph Robinson as Constable of Topsfield for
y^e year 1721 the full of what was Committed to him to Colect

ers, Haggard, held drivers & Town Treasurers were all of them sworn. Each man to his respective office on 2^d said first & fourth days of March 1735-6 before 2^d Selectmen. The Seal of Leather Exposed: and 2^d The Robin-son & Sam^l Carls being Chosen field drivers by 2^d Proprietors of Shickney Meadow Commons: who were sworn to 2^d fourth discharge of 2^d office: before 2^d Selectmen on 24th of March.

At the above ad Town meeting on 2^d 1st of March: 1735-6 the Town gave Liberty for Clerk Nathl Perkins to set up a stable at 2^d East End of 2^d stable by M^r Capens fence.

To the Church and Parish of the Town of Topsfield Gentlemen.

I have taken into serious Consideration the Invitation which you made me to settle with you in 2^d Work of 2^d Ministry: and likewise the Salary which by vote you have allowed me for my subsistence in that work. These are therefore to inform you, that I readily take up with what you have already done on that account:—and I hereby do Consent to settle with you in 2^d work of the ministry as long as God shall enable me thereto.

These from Him who is ready to serve you in the Gospel of our

Glorious Redeemer

William Osgood

This is a true Copy of Mr Osgood's Answer to the Church and Parish attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

En^{rs} Amos Bowman being Chosen Clerk for 2^d by 2^d Proprietors of Shickney Meadow Commons: who were sworn to 2^d fourth discharge of 2^d Office before 2^d Selectmen of Topsfield March 15 1735-6

Boston June 2nd 1735

Rec^d of Mr Joseph Robinson Constable of Topsfield P^r Daniel Clark Twenty one pound four shillings & Ten pence is full for My father
for Allen Treasurer
P for Allen

Rec^d of Mr Joseph Robinson as Constable of Topsfield for 2^d year 1735 the full of what was Committed to him to Collect

for my use for s^d year I say Rec^d y^e full of it per me Joseph Capen

Topsfield March: 10: 1723-4

The two Receipts above Entred are True Copies attest Jacob Peabody T C

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Legall Quallified for voting are to take Notice to meet at y^e meeting house in s^d Town on Tuseday y^e Twenty second Day of this instant March at one of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon

1 To see if y^e Town will Give Liberty for swine to go at Large

2 To agree upon some Method to pay in the Towns Loan Money

3 To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court

4 To Choose a Committe to Seat People in y^e meeting house

Amos Dorman

Simon Bradstreet Select

Joseph Gould men

Thomas Robinson of

Jacob Peabody Topst^d

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 15th 1725-6

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification

attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 22^d: 1725-6

1 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town gave Liberty for swine to go at Large according as y^e Law gives Liberty voted

3 Zacheus Gould is Chosen grand Jury man for y^e year Ensuing voted

& Ivory Hovey & David Balch are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 The Town agreed that y^e Trustees, Namely, Cap^t Joseph Gould, Deaⁿ John Howlett & Mr Nath^l Porter; Shall Call in

one fifth part of y^e Principal of the Towns Loan money: of such person or persons to whom said money was Lett out where said money may be most Conveniently be had according to their sound judgment & Discretion: & pay in y^e same unto y^e Province Treasurer by y^e first day of June next according to y^e General Court Act made & passed in November 1725 voted

5 William Porter, Thomas Gould, William Town, Quarter^m Nath^l Bordman: and Jacob Estey; are Chosen a Committe to Seat People in the meeting house voted

Pursuant to a Warrant to me Directed from under y^e hands of y^e Selectmen of Topsfield by vertue of sd warrant The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as y^e Law Directs are to take Notice to meet at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the Tenth of this Instant May at Tenn of y^e Clock in y^e forenoon

first To Choose a Representative to serve at y^e Great and General Court

2ly To agree upon a time when to pay in Mr Osgoods Sallary

3 To Choose a Committee to make up y^e wall about y^e Parsonage where any Person or Persons shall Refuse or Neglect to make up his or their part of sd wall

4 To see if Town will agree to turn y^e way that Leads through Deaⁿ Redingtons Land on y^e south side of River

5 To Receive the Committees Return of apportioning the fence about y^e parsonage

6 to Choose Jury men for Ipswich Court

7 To Choose men to Answer y^e Petition of y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield On y^e south side of Nickolses brook Relating to their being set of to a Precinct

Dat^d Topsfield May y^e 6: 1726

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 10: 1726

1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

voted

2 Capt Joseph Gould Chosen to Represent y^e Town at y^e general Court for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 The Town accepted of y^e Committees return of setting out to Each free householder Their Respective proportion to fence about y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield voted

Mr Ivory hovey Enters his Contrary Decent to y^e Last vote above Entered

4 Where as Mr Osgood did Consent to begin his year at y^e first of march 1725-6 and y^e Town finding it inconvenient on several Accounts Therefore the Town and Mr Osgood do now Agree to begin y^e year of his service in y^e ministry on y^e first Day of July next voted

5 Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen & appointed to appear at y^e Generall Court in behalf of y^e Town to give in the reason why y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield on y^e south side of Nickol-ses brook (so called) should not be sett of to another Parish or Precinct voted

6 The Town Agreed that y^e Present Selectmen should draw up the Reasons why y^e Prayer of y^e Petition of y^e above said Inhabitants should not be granted voted

At a Legall Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 18th 1726
1st Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen moderator for this meeting voted

2ly The Town did manifest by a vote that they are willing that Mr Osgood should Continue with us in y^e work of y^e ministry voted

The freehol[d]ers & other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as are Quallified as y^e Law Directs for voting are to take Notice to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on ffryday y^e Tenth Day of June next at two of y^e Clock in sd Day

first to agree upon some method to find out y^e truth of those Scandalous reports Concerning Mr Osgood

2 To see if y^e Town will agree to set of y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield on the south westerly side of Nickolses brook to joyn with other inhabitants to make a Township and to do any other thing or things that the Town shall then think needfull & proper to be done Thomas Robinson

Dat^d Topsfield May y^e 31st 1726

Simon Bradstreet

John Wildes Constable for Topsfield Jacob Peabody

3 Cap^t Joseph Gould Chosen to Represent ^{the} Town at ^{the} General Court for ^{the} year Ending
voted
3 The Town accepted of ^{the} Committee's return of setting
out to each free householder their respective proportion to
voted
fence about ^{the} Farmington Land in Topsfield.
Mr Ivory heavy Enters his Contrary Decree to ^{the} Last
vote above Entered

4 Where as Mr Osgood did Consent to begin his year at
^{the} first of March 1735-6 and ^{the} Town finding it inconvenient
on several Accounts Therefore the Town and Mr Osgood do
now Agree to begin ^{the} year of his service in ^{the} Ministry on
^{the} first Day of July next
voted

5 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen & appointed to appear at
^{the} General Court in behalf of ^{the} Town to give in the reason
why ^{the} Inhabitants of Topsfield on ^{the} south side of Nichol-
see brook (so called) should not be set off to another Par-
ish or Precinct
voted

6 The Town Agreed that ^{the} Present Selectmen should draw
up the Reasons why ^{the} Prayer of ^{the} Petition of ^{the} above said
Inhabitants should not be granted
voted

At a Legal Town meeting in Topsfield May ^{the} 15th 1736
Mr Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen moderator for this meet-
ing
voted
7 The Town did manifest by a vote that they are willing
that Mr Osgood should Continue with us in ^{the} work of ^{the}
ministry
voted

The freesholders & other Inhabitants of Topsfield such
as are Qualified as ^{the} Law Directs for voting are to take
Notice to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on Friday
^{the} 1st Tenth Day of June next at two o^{clock} in said Day
first to agree upon some method to find out ^{the} truth of those
Scandalous reports Concerning Mr Osgood

8 To see if ^{the} Town will agree to set off ^{the} Inhabitants of
Topsfield on the south westerly side of Nicholas brook to
join with other Inhabitants to make a Township and to do
any other thing or things that the Town shall then think
needful & proper to be done
Thomas Robinson
Simon Bradstreet
John Wildes Constable for Topsfield Jacob Keabody
May ^{the} 14th 1736

this is a True Copy of y^e Notification attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield June y^e 10th 1726

1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2ly The Town agreed to Choose a Committe to joyn with
y^e Committe which y^e Church hath Already Chosen to finde
out y^e truth of those Scandalous Reports Concerning Mr
Osgood
voted

3 Quarter^{mtr} Nath^l Bordman, M^r Thomas Gould, & Mr
Benjamin Town, are Chosen a Committe for s^d Service voted

4 And when s^d Committe have made search into & found
out what they can of y^e truth of those Scandalous reports
that are concerning Mr Osgood sd Committe are to inform
y^e Selectmen thereof in order for y^e Towns being Called to-
gether and then y^e said Committe to make report to y^e Town
of what they have found out Relating to s^d Scandalous Re-
ports in order for y^e further proseedng in that matter voted

5 Where as Thomas Caves Edward Putnam & Joseph
Knight & five other the Inhabitants of Topsfield on y^e south
side of Nickolses brook have Petition^d to y^e Town of Tops-
field At a Legall Town meeting June y^e 10th 1726 for all y^e
Lands belonging to y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e southerly or
westerly side of Nickolses brook with all y^e Inhabitants now
Dwelling on s^d Lands to Joyn with some of y^e Inhabitants of
Salem Andover & Boxford to make a Township and also to
sett to s^d Petitioners their proportion of y^e Towns parsonage
& all other undivided Lands in y^e Town of Topsfield The
Town having Considered of y^e sd Petition have Agreed that
it should be dismiss
voted

To M^r John Willdes Constable of Topsfield greeting

In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required forthwith
to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants Quallified as y^e
Law Directs for voting on y^e north side of y^e River to meet
at y^e meeting house in Topsfield, on y^e seventeenth day of
this Instant June, at three of y^e Clock in y^e after noon first
to Receive y^e Committies return that were Chosen to find out
y^e truth of Those Scandalous Reports Concerning mr Osgood

This is a True Copy of the Notation as made by Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsheld June 7th 1722
1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town agreed to Chose a Committee to joyn with
the Committee which the Church hath already Chosen to send
out to find out the truth of those scandalous Reports Concerning Mr
Osgood
voted

3 Quarter^{ly} Nath^l Burdman, Mr Thomas Gould & Mr
Benjamin Town, are Chosen a Committee for the service voted
4 And when the Committee have made search into the found
out what they can of the truth of those scandalous reports
that are concerning Mr Osgood the Committee are to return
their Selection thereof in order for the Town being Called to-
gether and then the said Committee to make report to the Town
of what they have found out relating to the scandalous Re-
ports in order for the further proceeding in that matter voted

5 Where as Thomas Caves Howard Putnam & Joseph
Knight & five other the Inhabitants of Topsheld on the south
side of Nicholas brook have petitioned to the Town of Top-
sheld At a Lawfull Town meeting June 7th 1722 for all the
Lands belonging to the Town of Topsheld on the southerly or
westerly side of Nicholas brook with all the Inhabitants now
dwelling on the said Lands to joyn with some of the Inhabitants of
Salmon Andover & Boston to make a Township and also to
settle to the Petitioners their proportion of the Towns parsonage
& all other undivided Lands in the Town of Topsheld The
Town having Considered of the said Petition have Agreed that
it should be dissent
voted

To Mr John Wildes Constable of Topsheld
In his Majesties Name you are hereby Requested forthwith
to warn the freemen & other Inhabitants Qualified as the
Law Directs for voting on the north side of the River to meet
at the meeting house in Topsheld on the seventeenth day of
this Instant June at three of the Clock in the afternoon first
to Receive the Committee return that were Chosen to find out
the truth of those scandalous Reports Concerning Mr Osgood
greeting

2ly To see if y^e Town will give Mr Osgood a Dismission from y^e work of y^e ministry in this Town

3 To agree upon some method to pay to Mr Osgood what is due to him from y^e Town for his work in the ministry in this town

Amos Dorman
Thomas Robinson
Jacob Peabody

Selectmen
of Topsfield

Dat Topsfield June y^e 16:1726

Topsfield June 17:1726 By vertue of this warrant I have warned y^e Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e north side of y^e river according to time & Place within mentioned John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

A true copy of warrant & return attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield June y^e 17th 1726
1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for s^d meeting
voted

To the Town of Topsfield Now Assembled & met. Whereas we the Subscribers were Chosen a Committe by y^e Church & Town to find out y^e truth of those Scandalous Reports Concerning Mr Osgood: Accordingly we have made Dilligent search and have gotten y^e best Information we could and we find nothing worthy of Raising such scandalous Reports Concerning M^r Osgood and by the best Information that we could find we do Judge that some of those Reports were Raised by and we went to house with mr Osgood to see them face to face and to hear what they then would accuse s^d Osgood with and to give them a Sivel Discourse but y^e Refused to make any Discourse with Mr Osgood, or with us: but said that they had Nothing to say to us and asked us what power we had to ask them Concerning such things and said that knew nothing about those stories Concerning Mr Osgood: Dat. Topsfield June 17:1726

This is a True Copy of y^e Return
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Daniel Clark
Jacob Towne
Elisha Perkins
Nath^l Bordman
Benj^a Towne

3 To agree upon some method to pay to Mr Osgood what
is due to him from y^e Town for his work in the ministry in
this town

Amos Dorrison
Thomas Robinson
Jacob Fesbody
Selectmen
of Topsfield

Pat Topsfield June 7th 1735

Topsfield June 17th 1735 By virtue of this warrant I have
warranted y^e inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e north
side of y^e river according to time & place within mentioned
John Wildes Constable for Topsfield
A true copy of warrant & return attest Jacob Fesbody
Town Clerk

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield June 7th 1735
1 Mr Isaac Fesbody is Chosen Moderator for s^d meeting
voted

To the Town of Topsfield Now Assembled & met Where
as we the Subscribers were Chosen a Committee by y^e Church
& Town to find out y^e truth of those scandalous Reports
Concerning Mr Osgood: Accordingly we have made Dilig-
gent search and have gotten y^e best Information we could
and we find nothing worthy of making such scandalous Re-
ports Concerning Mr Osgood and by the best Information
that we could find we do Judge that some of those Reports
were Raised by and we went to house with Mr Osgood to
see them face to face and to hear what they then would ac-
cuse s^d Osgood with and to give them a Sivil Discourse but
y^e Refused to make any Discourse with Mr Osgood, or with
us: but said that they had Nothing to say to us and asked
us what power we had to ask them Concerning such things
and said that knew nothing about those stories Concerning
Mr Osgood: Pat Topsfield June 17th 1735

Daniel Clark
Jacob Towne
Elisha Perkins
Nath^l Bowman
Benjⁿ Towne

This is a True Copy of y^e Return
Attest Jacob Fesbody Town Clerk

2 The above written Return being twice Thomas Gould
Publicly read y^e Town Accepted thereof voted

3 The Town agreed that y^e present Selectmen shall take
Care to pay M^r Osgood with y^e Towns money what shall be
Due to him from y^e Town when this month is out for his
work in y^e ministry Amongst us voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as
are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are hereby Noti-
fied to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on fryday the
Ninth of this Instant September at Twelve of y^e Clock on sd
day first to see if y^e Town will proceed in order to ordain Mr
Osgood

2 To Allow bills of Charge. 3ly to Choose overseers for
y^e poor

4 To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

Dat ^d Topsfield Sep ^t 2 nd 1726	Amos Dorman	Select-
John Willdes Constable for	Joseph Gould	men
Topsfield	Thomas Robinson	of
	Simon Bradstreet	Tops-
	Jacob Peabody	field

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t y^e 9th:1726

1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town have manifested by a vote that they were
willing to prosceed in order to ordain the Reverend Mr Will-
iam Osgood voted

3 The Town allowed to Mr Eliezer Lake Eleven shillings
& four pence it being what Isaac Powers was Rated in Tops-
field in 1724 which s^d Lake being Constable could not git
voted 11-4

4 The Town Allowed to Joseph How one pound one shill-
ing for sweeping the meeting house from y^e Twenty fift day of
October 1725 till y^e twenty fift Day of October 1726
voted 1-1-0

5 The Town Allowed Eight pound to John Nickols & John
Burton for Rebuilding this Towns part of y^e bridge which is
over y^e river near to Edward Putnams house sd bridge being
built this year voted 8 0 0

2 The above written Return being twice Thomas Gould
Publicly read & Town Accepted thereof
3 The Town agreed that the present Selectmen shall take
Care to pay Mr. Osgood with the Town money what shall be
Due to him from the Town when this month is out for his
work in the Ministry Amongst us
voted

The freeholders and other inhabitants of Topsfield and as
are Qualified as the Law Directs for voting are hereby Noti-
fied to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on Friday the
Ninth of this instant September at Twelve of the Clock on and
day first to see if the Town will proceed in order to obtain Mr.

Osgood
2 To Allow bills of Charge 3y to Choose overseers for
the poor
4 To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

Select	Amos Dorman
men	Joseph Gould
of	Thomas Robinson
Tops-	Simon Handstreet
field	Jacob Peabody

John Wildes Constable for
Topsfield
Dat: Topsfield Sep: 2^d 1726

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep: 2^d 1726
1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town have manifested by a vote that they were
willing to proceed in order to obtain the Reverend Mr. Wil-
iam Osgood
voted

3 The Town allowed to Mr. Elizer Lake Eleven shillings
& four pence it being what Isaac Powers was Rated in Tops-
field in 1724 which said Lake being Constable could not get

4 The Town Allowed to Joseph How one pound one shill-
ing for sweeping the meeting house from the Twenty fifth day of
October 1725 till the twenty six Day of October 1726
voted

5 The Town Allowed Eight pound to John Nicholas & John
Butler for Rebuilding this Towns part of the bridge which is
over the river near to Edward Intermes house said bridge being
built this year
voted 8 0 0

6 The Town allowed five shillings to John Wildes for warning y^e Inhabitants of Topsfield on y^e North Side of River to a Town meeting voted 0 5 0

7 The Town allowed Twenty shillings to Mr Simon Bradstreet for serving Schoolmaster in 1725 voted 1-0-0

8 Jonathan Willdes & Robert Perkins are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Trialls at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Newbery voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as are Quallified as y^e Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday y^e Twenty third day of November Currant at Ten of the Clock on said day

1 first to Allow bills of Charge

2 To Receive the Committies Return of Seating People in the meeting house

3ly To agree upon a method to Dispose of y^e intrest of the Towns Loan money

4ly To agree upon a Method to Stir up People to Make up their Respective proportion of fence about y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield according as it hath been Laid out

5ly To take Care to procure Plank to Cover y^e bridge over y^e River in Topsfield

6ly To see if the town will give Liberty to some of our Neighbours in Ipswich to set up a stable near y^e meeting house in Topsfield

7ly To see if y^e Town will give Liberty to John Clark to Live in y^e watch house this winter

Dat^d Topsfield Novem: 17th 1726 Joseph Gould Select-
John Willdes Constable for Thomas Robinson men of
Topsfield Jacob Peabody Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Novem: 23^d 1726

1 Mr Isaac Peabody is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2ly The Town allowed Twelve shillings to Deaⁿ John Howlet for serving Representative Thre Days at y^e general Court in Aprill 1726 voted 0 12 0

3ly The Town Allowed four shillings & six pence to Jacob Averill for slabs to mend y^e highways this year voted 0 4 6

4ly The Town Allowed two shillings to Jesse Dorman for Timber to mend y^e falls bridge voted 0 2 0

5ly The Town Allowed Eighteen shillings to Cap^t Joseph Gould Deaⁿ John howlet & Mr Nath^l Porter for their trouble in taking in y^e intrest of the Towns Loan money this year voted 0 18 0

6ly The Town Allowed one pound four shillings to Eliezer Lake. & Jacob Peabody for sitting out to Each man his proportion to fence about y^e parsonage voted 1-4-0

7ly The Town allowed six shillings to Clerk Elisha Perkins for Timber to mend the bridge near to said Perkinses house this year voted 0 6 0

8ly The Town agreed & ordred y^e Trustees viz Cap^t Joseph Gould Deaⁿ John Howlett & Mr Nath^l Porter to pay in y^e intrest of the Towns Loan money (that is Due to y^e Town) to y^e present selectmen & said selectmen are to Dispose of it to y^e Towns Use & benefit voted

9ly The Town Agreed to have y^e River bridge Covered with plank y^e next summer voted

10ly The Town granted Liberty to Samuel Potter, Caleb Foster, Abraham How & Others of our Neighbours in Ipswich to sit up a stable on y^e Plain Northerly of & near y^e meeting house voted

11ly The Town granted Liberty to Clerk Elisha Perkins & Ser Joshua Town to sit up a stable at y^e Southerly End of Cap^t Goulds stable near y^e meeting house voted

Boston May 27: 1726

Rec^d of Cap^t Joseph Gould one of y^e Trustees of y^e Town of Topsfield the sum of Fifty one pounds being the first fift part of their proportion of y^e £ 50000

P Jer: Allen Treasurer
This is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Jan^y 31: 1726-7

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town allowed Ten shillings to Sam^l Howlet for victualing the widow Mary Averill & her Nurse Eight Days y^e summer past voted 0 10 0

3 The Town allowed four shillings to Hannah Averill for Nursing or tending the sd widow Mary Averill Eight Days y^e summer past voted 0 4 0

4 The Town Allowed one pound Ten shillings to Jonathan Willdes for keeping the widow Mary Averill seventeen Days in August Last past voted 1 10 0

5 The Town Allowed three pound Ten shillings to y^e widow Phoebe Goodhall for keeping the widow Mary Averill seven weeks next after she came from Jonathan Willdes voted 3 10 0

6 The Town Allowed to y^e widow Anne Averill one pound for keeping the widow Mary Averill five weeks next to y^e Wido: Goodhall voted 1 0 0

7 The Town Allowed one pound Ten shillings to y^e widow Luce Town for keeping the widow Mary Averill about Ten weeks next after Anne Averill voted 1 10 0

8 The Town Allows twelve shillings to Mr Nath^l Porter for his trouble in setting out to Each man his proportion to fence about y^e parsonage voted 0 12 0

9 The Town Allowed five shillings to Mr Daniel Clark for a Glasser & his horse two Days when he Mended y^e meeting house Glass in 1724 voted 0 5 0

Rec^d of Jacob Dorman Constable of Topsfield the sum of four pounds Nineteen shillings & two pence in full for y^e County Rate for sd Town

March: 5: 1725 P John Appleton County Treas:
This is A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e seventh day of March next after the date hereof at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning on sd day

1 To Choose Town Officers such as the Law Requires or Allowes to be Chosen at such meeting

2 To Choose a man To take Care of and Amend any breach that is or may be in y^e meeting house

3 To see if y^e Town will see Cause to turn y^e way that Goes through Sam^l Howlets pasture

4 To Choose a County Treasurer

Dat: Topsfield feeb: 14th 1726-7
 John Willdes Constable of
 Topsfield

Thomas Robinson
 Joseph Gould
 Simon Bradstreet
 Jacob Peabody

Select-
 men of
 Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 7th
 1726-7

- 1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
 ing voted
- 2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing
 ing voted
- 3 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year
 Ensuing voted
- 4 John Willds & David Cummings are Chosen Constables
 for y^e year Ensuing voted
- 5 Quartermaster Nath^l Bordman Corp^l Jacob Towne Benja^a
 Towne Thomas Gould and William Redington are Chosen
 Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted
- 6 Samuel Smith Corp^l Tobijah Perkins and Richard Towne
 are Chosen Tything men for the year Ensuing voted
- 7 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e
 year Ensuing voted
- 8 Mr Daniel Clark Job Averill Thomas Dwinel Jonathan
 Perkins & Isaac Peabody are Chosen Surveyers of highways
 for y^e year Ensuing voted
- 9 Jacob Estey & John Towne are Chosen fence viewers for
 y^e year Ensuing voted
- 10 Jacob Redington & Daniel Gould are Chosen Hog-
 reeves for y^e year Ensuing voted
- 11 M^r William Porter is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year
 Ensuing voted
- 12 Mr Daniel Clark is Chosen to take care and Amend
 any breach that is or may be in Meeting house for y^e year
 Ensuing voted
- 13 Mr Daniel Clark Mr Thomas Gould & M^r Jacob Estey
 are Chosen to view the way that Leads through Samuel
 Howlets Pasture to see if sd way may turned with Conven-
 iency. And to make Report to y^e Town what their Opinion
 Concerning it at y^e next Town Meeting voted

14 Mr Nath^l Averill is Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury & Doc^t Michael Dwinel & — are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at y^e Inferiuer Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

15 Thomas Robinson & Daniel Towne are chosen field Drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

The Several Officers Chosen at y^e above s^d Town Meeting of whom an oath is by Law Required were all sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of Their Respective Offices on y^e seventh and on y^e Tenth days of March 1726-7 Excepting Jacob Towne Entred by order of the Selectmen: Jacob Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified according as the Law Directs for voting: are hereby Warned & Notified to meet at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the Twenty Eighth Day of March Currant at one of the Clock in the Afternoon on said Day

1 To see if y^e Town will Concur with the Church in what they have done in order to ordain Mr Will^m Osgood

2 To see if y^e Town will Choose Two men to Joyn with y^e Churches Committy that are to Discourse [with] the Ministers y^t y^e Church have Chosen to Ordain Mr Will^m Osgood

3 To see if y^e Town will Answer the Petition of some of the Inhabitants on the south side of Nickoles Brook to abate their Rates towards the Minister in Topsfield

4 To see what they will do in order to fence y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield

5 To see if the Town Will Give Leave for swine to go at Large

6 To see if y^e Town will allow y^e Widow Mary Averills Petition

7 To Choose Overseers of the Poor

Date^d Topsfield March y^e 23: 1726-7 Thomas Gould

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield Nathaniel Bordman

This is A True Copy of y^e Notification William Redington

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 28: 1727

1 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

14 Mr Nathl Averill is Chosen to serve as y^e Grand Juror
& Doc^t Michael Dwyer & — are Chosen to serve as y^e Jurors
of T^h Trial at y^e Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich voted
15 Thomas Robinson & Daniel Towne are Chosen held
Drivers for y^e year Ending

The Several Officers Chosen at y^e above y^e Town Meeting
of whom an oath is by Law Required were all sworn to y^e said
full discharge of their respective Offices on y^e seventh and
on y^e Tenth days of March 1734 y^e Respecting Jacob Towne
Elected by order of the Selectmen: Jacob Jacoby Town Clerk

The freemen and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops-
field such as are Qualified according as the Law Directs for
voting: are hereby Warned & Notified to meet at y^e Meeting
house in Topsfield on Tuesday the Twenty Eighth Day of
March Current at one of the Clock in the Afternoon on said
Day

1 To see if y^e Town will Consent with the Church in what
they have done in order to ordain Mr Willm^o Goggin

2 To see if y^e Town will Choose Two men to Join with y^e
Churches Community that are to Discharge (with) the Minis-
ters y^e Church have Chosen to Ordain Mr Willm^o Goggin

3 To see if y^e Town will Answer the Petition of some of
the Inhabitants on the south side of Nicholas Road to abate
their Rates towards the Minister in Topsfield

4 To see what they will do in order to fence y^e Parsonage
Land in Topsfield

5 To see if the Town Will Give Leave for swine to go at
Large

6 To see if y^e Town will allow y^e Widow Mary Averill
Petition

7 To Choose Overseers of the Poor
Date: Topsfield March y^e 23: 1734-5 Thomas Gould
John Willms Constable for Topsfield Nathaniel Bortman
This is A True Copy of y^e Notitication William Redington
Attest Jacob Jacoby Town Clerk Benj^y Towne
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A legal Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 28: 1737
1 Den^y Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this
Meeting

2 Whereas y^e Church have agreed to have y^e Reverend Mr William Osgood ordained on the second Wednesday in June next y^e Town do now Readily Concur therewith voted

3 The Town agreed that swine should go at Large this year according as y^e Law Gives Liberty voted

4 The Town Agreed to have y^e watch house repaired & kept in repair voted

5 The Town have Chosen Mr John Perkins to Repair sd watch house voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitation of the Town of Topsfield Duly Quallified by Law for voting: are hereby Warned & Notified to Assemble and Meet together on Tuse-day the Ninth Currant. at two of the Clock in the After Noon; at the meeting house in Topsfield.

1ly To Choose a Representative to serve at y^e General Court for y^e year Insuing

2ly To Choose Jury men for Ipswich Court

3ly To see if the Town will Concur with what the Church shall present to them then, in Order to the ordination of Mr Osgood

4ly To accept of y^e Committies Return that was Chosen to apportion the fence Round the parsonage Land in Topsfield: to wit: Nath^l Porter and others and to see what they will do in Order to make up their fence

5ly To Allow bills of Charge

6ly To Choose a Committe to view the highway that goeth through Jacob Redingtons Land in order to turn it

Dated Topsfield May y^e 5th 1727 Thomas Gould

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield Nath^l Bordman

This is True Copy of the Notification William Redington

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e Ninth:
1727

1ly Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2ly Quarter^{m:tr} Nath^l Bordman is Chosen to serve for and Represent the Town At the Generall Court the year Insuing
voted

2 Whereas the Church have agreed to have the Reverend Mr. William Osgood ordained on the second Wednesday in June next the Town do now Resolveth themselves
 3 The Town agreed that swine should go at large this year according as the Law gives Liberty
 4 The Town Agreed to have the watch house repaired & kept in repair
 5 The Town have Chosen Mr. John Perkins to Repair and watch house

The freholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield duly Qualified by Law for voting; are hereby Warned & Notified to Assemble and Meet together on Tuesday the Ninth Current at two of the Clock in the After Noon; at the meeting house in Topsfield.

1 To Choose a Representative to serve at the General Court for the year ensuing

2 To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court
 3 To see if the Town will Consent with what the Church shall present to them then, in Order to the ordination of Mr. Osgood

4 To accept of the Committee Report that was Chosen to appraise the fence Round the parsonage Land in Topsfield; to wit: Nathl. Foster and others and to see what they will do in Order to make up their fence

5 To Allow bills of Charge
 6 To Choose a Committee to view the highway that goeth through Jacob Redingtons Land in order to turn it

Dated Topsfield May 7th 1727 Thomas Gould
 John Wildes Constable for Topsfield Nathl. Bodman
 This is True Copy of the Notification William Redington
 Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk Benj. Towne
 Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May 7th 1727

1727
 1 To Mr. Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
 2 To Quarter Nathl. Bodman is Chosen to serve for and Represent the Town At the General Court the year ensuing

3 To Quarter Nathl. Bodman is Chosen to serve for and Represent the Town At the General Court the year ensuing
 4 To Quarter Nathl. Bodman is Chosen to serve for and Represent the Town At the General Court the year ensuing

3ly The Town agreed that y^e Trustees Namely Cap^t Joseph Gould Deaⁿ John Howlet & Mr Nath^l Porter shall Call in one fifth part of the Towns Loan money of such Person or Persons to whom sd money was Let out where sd money may most Convenient be had According to their sound Judgement & Discreestion & pay in y^e same to y^e province Treasurer by y^e first day of June next According to an Act Made And passed at the General Court in November 1725

voted

4ly Deaⁿ John Howlet Mr Nath^l Averill & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe to View the highway that Leads through Jacob Redingtons Land in order to turn it and to make return to y^e Town at y^e next Town Meeting: what their minds are Concerning the turning of s^d way

voted

Aprill: 24th 1727

We Jacob Towne Jacob Robinson & Benjamin Towne being appointed and impowered to Perambulate & Renew the bounds between the Townes of Salem and Topsfield accordingly we met with John Preston and Cornelius Tarbell they being appointed by the Selectmen of Salem for said service and have Renewed the bounds as they formerly stand Entred in y^e Towns Records

This is a True Copy of y^e Return of
Perambulation with Salem.

John Preston

Cornelius Tarbell

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield To John Willdes Constable you are hereby Required in his Majisties Name to warn and give Notice unto the Inhabitance of this Town on y^e North side of the River Duly Quallified by Law for Voting that they meet together on fryday the sixteenth Currant at three of Clock in the after noon at y^e meeting house in Topsfield in order to Choose one or two men as Attorneys or Agents to Implead the petitioners on the south side of Nickolses Brook in Topsfield which have Petitioned to the Great and General Court to be set off in order for a Township

Dated Topsfield June 13: 1727

3y The Town agreed that y^e Trustees Joseph Cap^t Joseph Gould Des^r John Howlet & Mr Nath^l Porter shall Call in one fifth part of the Towns Loan money of such Person or Persons to whom ad money was let out where ad money may most Convenient be had According to their sound Judgement & Discretion & pay in y^e same to y^e province Treasurer by y^e first day of June next According to an Act Made And passed at the General Court in November 1733

voted

4y Des^r John Howlet Mr Nath^l Averill & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committee to View the highway that Leads through Jacob Redingtons Land in order to turn it and to make return to y^e Town at y^e next Town Meeting; what their minds are Concerning the turning of y^e way

voted

April: 24th 1737

We Jacob Towne Jacob Robinson & Benjamin Towne being appointed and empowered to Perambulate & Renew the bounds between the Towns of Salem and Topsfield accordingly we met with John Preston and Cornelius Tabbell they being appointed by the Selectmen of Salem for said service and have Renewed the bounds as they formerly stand Rated in y^e Towns Records

This is a True Copy of y^e Return of
John Preston
Perambulation with Salem
Cornelius Tabbell
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield To John Willdes Constable you are hereby Required in his Majesties Name to warn and give Notice unto the Inhabitants of this Town on y^e North side of the River Duly Qualified by Law for Voting that they meet together on Friday the sixteenth Current at three o'clock in the afternoon at y^e meeting house in Topsfield in order to Choose one or two men as Attorneys or Agents to Impound the goods on the south side of Nickolsons brook in Topsfield which have been sold to the Great and General Court to be set off in order for a Township

Dated Topsfield June 12: 1737

Jacob Towne	Selectmen of Topsfield
Thomas Gould	
Benjamin Towne	
William Redington	

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield June: 16th 1727

1st Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly Mr Nathaniel Bordman & Mr Daniel Clark are Chosen Attorneys for the Town to Appear at the General Court on y^e Twentieth Currant to Implead the Inhabitants on the South Side of Nickolses Brook in Topsfield which have Petitioned to the General Court to be set of with other Inhabitants to make a Township: and the said Attorney are to give in the Reasons to the sd Court why the prayer of said petition should not be Granted and s:d Attorneys are hereby fully impowred to use all Lawfull and proper means to prevent the s^d Petitions being Granted

Topsfield To David Commings Constable of s^d Town
Greeting you are hereby Required in his Majisties name to
warn & Notifie all the Inhabitants of sd Town on y^e south
side of Ipswich River Duly Quallified for voting in Town
Afairst as the Law Directs: to meet together att the meeting
in Topsfield on Tuseday the fourth of July next at three of
the Clock in y^e afternoon on s^d Day: for to see and Examine,
Wherefore y^e Reverend Mr Osgood hath not Carried on y^e
work of y^e Ministry Amongst us According to Agreement as
in time past: and to take a prudent Care that we may no
Longer be distitute of the publick worship of God being Car-
ried on Amongst us and if need be to Chuse a Committe for
the same service and make timely Return of your so doing

Dated Topsfield June 30th 1727

Jacob Towne	Selectmen of Topsfd
Benja Towne	
Thomas Gould	

At A Leagall Town Meeting in Topsfield July 4th 1727

Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2 Mr Thomas Gould & Mr Joseph Towne are Chosen a Com:itte to Suply the Pulpit with a minister to despence the word of God to us y^e three next Sabbaths voted

Jacob Towne
 Thomas Gould
 Benjamin Towne
 William Redington
 Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawful Town meeting in Topsfield June 10th 1737
 1st Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
 ing
 2^{ly} Mr Nathaniel Jordan & Mr Daniel Clark are Chosen
 Attorneys for the Town to Appear at the General Court on
 y^e Twentieth Current to Impound the Inhabitants on the
 South Side of Nickerson Brook in Topsfield which have Peti-
 tioned to the General Court to be set of with other Inhab-
 itants to make a Township; and the said Attorneys are to give
 in the Reasons to the said Court why the prayer of said peti-
 tion should not be Granted and said Attorneys are hereby
 fully empowered to use all Lawfull and proper means to pre-
 vent the said Petition being Granted
 voted

Topsfield To David Cummings Constable of s^d Town
 Greeting you are hereby Requested in his Majesty's name to
 warn & Notice all the Inhabitants of sd Town on y^e south
 side of Ipswich River Daily Qualified for voting in Town
 Affairs as the Law Directs: to meet together at the meeting
 in Topsfield on Tuesday the fourth of July next at three of
 the Clock in y^e afternoon on s^d Day: for to see and Examine
 Wherfore y^e Reverend Mr Osgood hath not Carried on y^e
 work of y^e Ministry Amongst us According to Agreement as
 in time past; and to take a prudent Care that we may no
 longer be distrest of the publick worship of God being Car-
 ried on Amongst us and if need be to Chuse a Committee for
 the same service and make timely Return of your so doing

Dated Topsfield June 30th 1737
 Thomas Gould
 Jacob Towne
 Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawful Town Meeting in Topsfield July 4th 1737
 1st Mr Zachary Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
 ing
 2nd Mr Thomas Gould & Mr Joseph Towne are Chosen a
 Committee to Supply the Pulpit with a minister to despatch the
 word of God to us y^e three next Sabbaths
 voted

3 The Town agreed to send to five ministers viz: the Reverend Mr ffisk m^r Prescot & Mr Clark all of Salem: Mr Putnam of Reading & Mr Barnard of Andover and desire them to meet together in Topsfield on y^e nineteenth of this Instant July and to Give us their advice in what may be proper for us to do under our present scircumstances inasmuch as y^e Reverend Mr William Osgood. Whom the Town & Church had agreed with to be our settled minister hath Left us voted

Mr Thomas Gould & Mr Joseph Towne are Chosen to Desire y^e s^d ministers to meet together for y^e End afore^{sd} and s^d Gould & Towne are to take Care that suteable provision be made for sd ministers where they shall think it most Convenient in Topsfield voted

The free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are Notified and warned to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting House in Topsfield on wednesday the Nineteenth Currant at Eight of y^e Clock before noon on said day

1 To Choose A Committe to Inform the Reverend Ministers that the Town And Church hath made Choice of: And to Lay before Them y^e Difficult Circumstances that We the Town & Church Labour under in Respect of the Reverend Mr William Osgood

2 If any Person In sd Town are Agrieved they are Desired to Make their personal appearance at time & place and make known their grevience In order. In order to Bar Mr Osgoods settling amongst us in the Ministry

Dated Topsfield July the 13th: 1727

Thomas Gould

Jacob Towne

This is a True Copy of y^e notification

Benjamin Towne

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Selectmen

of Topsfi^d

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Jnly y^e 19th 1727

1 Mr Jacob Towne is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington Mr Nath^l Bordman Mr Zacheus Gould Mr Benj^a Towne and Mr John Prichitt are Chosen a Committe to Inform the Reverend Ministers that that y^e Town and Church have made Choice of: And to Lay before them

The Town agreed to send to five ministers viz: the Rev-
ered Mr. Isaac N. Prescott & Mr. Clark M. of Salem: Mr. Put-
nam of Reading & Mr. Barnard of Andover and desire them
to meet together in Topsfield on y^e nineteenth of this instant
July and to give us their advice in what may be proper for
us to do under our present circumstances inasmuch as y^e
Reverend Mr. William Osgood. Whom the Town & Church
had agreed with to be our settled minister hath as voted

Mr. Thomas Gould & Mr. Joseph Towne are Chosen to be-
lieve y^e 2^d ministers to meet together for y^e 2^d time and
2^d Gould & Towne are to take Care that some provision
be made for sd ministers where they shall think it most con-
venient in Topsfield
voted

The free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield Such as are Qualified as the Law Directs for vot-
ing are Notified and warned to Assemble and Meet together
at the Meeting House in Topsfield on Wednesday the Nin-
teenth Current at Eight of y^e Clock before noon on said day
1 To Chose A Committee to Inform the Reverend Minis-
ters that the Town And Church hath made Choice of: And
to lay before them y^e Difficult Circumstances that We the
Town & Church Labour under in Respect of the Reverend
Mr. William Osgood

2 If any Person in sd Town are Afflicted they are Desired
to Make their personal appearance at time & place and make
known their grievance in order. In order to But Mr. Os-
good setting amongst us in the Ministry

Dated Topsfield July the 13th: 1757
Thomas Gould
Jacob Towne
Benjamin Towne
Selectmen
of Topsfield
This is a True Copy of y^e notification
Attest Jacob Pasody Town Clerk

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield July y^e 19th 1757
1 Mr. Jacob Towne is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 Dea^s Daniel Redington Mr. Nath^l Bodman Mr. Zachary
Gould Mr. Brad^y Towne and Mr. John Trickett are Chosen a
Committee to Inform the Reverend Ministers that y^e Town
and Church have made Choice of: And to lay before them

the Difficult Circumstances the Town & Church Labour under in Respect of y^e Reverend Mr William Osgood voted

3 The Town agreed to send to such of sd Reverend Elders as are now in Town and Desire them to Come up to y^e meeting house

4 The Town agreed to Leave the whole of the present Concern Referring to Mr William Osgood and the Town: To the Reverend Elders that the Church & Town hath sent for to advize us in that affair: voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such As are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs are hereby Notified to meet At the Meeting house on Tuseday y^e fifteenth Day of August Currant at one of y^e Clock on said day after noon

1 To Choose a Committe to make up Accompts with Mr William Osgood

2 To Choose a Com^{tee} to supply y^e Pulpit

3 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the Pulpit: Whether by Contribution or other ways.

Dat^d Topsfield august y^e 12: 1727

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

Thomas Gould

Jacob Towne

Benja^a Towne

Will^m Redington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Leagall Town meeting in Topsfield August y^e 15th 1727

1 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town Agreed that the present Selectmen or any of them shall make up And Settle accompts with Mr William Osgood Referring to his service in the work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield voted

3 Mr Nath^l Averill mr Zacheus Gould En^s Timothy Perkins & Mr Daniel Clark are Chosen a Committe to Agree with three Ministers to Preach to and Amoungst us three Sabbath Days a piece and the time to begin y^e Last Sabbath in August Currant voted

4 And sd Com^{tee} are to take Care to provide Quarters for such ministers as they shall Git to preach: for y^e time above

the Difficult Circumstances the Town & Church Labour under in Respect of Mr. William Osgood voted
 3 The Town agreed to send to each of the Reverend Elders as are now in Town and Desire them to Come up to the meeting house

4 The Town agreed to leave the whole of the present Concern Relating to Mr. William Osgood and the Town; To the Reverend Elders that the Church & Town hath sent for to advise us in that matter; voted

The freeholders and other laborers of the Town of Topsfield such As are Qualified for Voting as the Law Directs are hereby Notified to meet At the Meeting house on Tuesday the 15th Day of August Current at one of the Clock on said day after noon

1 To Choose a Committee to make up Accounts with Mr. William Osgood

2 To Choose a Committee to supply the

3 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

4 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

5 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

6 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

7 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

8 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

9 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

10 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

11 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

12 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

13 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

14 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

15 To see what Method the Town will take to Support the

mentioned

voted

5 The Town Agreed to Contribute towards the paying of sd
Ministers During y^e s^d Term

voted

May y^e 15th 1727

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of our Respective Towns viz: Wenham, & Topsfield; to Perambulate on y^e Line between our sd Towns, have according to Agreement Renewed the heap of stones by the End of Wenham Casway & the Clump of Maples at y^e Edge of the Meadow so as y^e Brook Runs to a stake & heap of stones near to Robinsons Island and so on y^e Line of Pigdins Meadow (so called) to the Island & on y^e Ditch to the River. as the Line of Townships is stated Witness our hands y^e Day above s^d

for Topsf^{ed}

David Batchelder

Michael Dwinel

Josiah Hairfield for Wenham

Daniel Clark

This is a True Copy of y^e Return

Robert Perkins

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The free Holders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as y^e Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and meet together at the Meeting house in said Town on Tuseday the Ninteenth Currant At Two of y^e Clock on sd day

1st To see if the Town will agree upon a Rule to Raise money To Defray Town Charges

2 To Allow Bills of Charge

3 To see if the Town will agree that y^e advice of the Reverend Ministers Concerning Mr William Osgood shall be Entered in the Town Records: to wit the advice that was Left by y^e Reverend Mr ffiske and others

4 to Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

5 to Accept of the Return of the Committe that was Chosen to Turn y^e way that Layeth through Jacob Redingtons Land.

Jacob Towne

Dated Topsfield September 16th 1727 William RedingtonJohn Willdes Constable for Topsfield Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

mentioned
 2 The Town Agreed to Contribute towards the paying of sd
 Ministers During y^e 2^d Term
 voted

May y^e 12th 1737

We the Subscribers being appointed by the Selectmen of
 our Respective Towns viz: Wenham & Topsfield to Ter-
 minate on y^e 1st day between our sd Towns have according
 to Agreement Renewed the heap of stones by the End of the
 Wenham Casway & the Clump of Maples at y^e Edge of the
 Meadow so as y^e Brook Runs to a stake & heap of stones
 near to Robinsons Island and so on y^e Line of Hiddins Mes-
 dow (so called) to the Island & on y^e Branch to the River as
 the Line of Townships is stated Witness our hands y^e Day
 above

David Batchelder	for Topsfield
Josiah Hainfield	for Wenham
This is a True Copy of y ^e Return	
Attest Jacob Parbody Town Clerk	Robert Perkins Daniel Clark Michael Dwinel

The free Holders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of
 Topsfield Such as are Qualified as y^e Law Directs for voting
 are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and meet to-
 gether at the Meeting house in said Town on Thursday the
 Nineteenth Current At Two of y^e Clock on sd day

1st To see if the Town will agree upon a Rule to Raise
 money To Defray Town Charges

2 To Allow Bills of Charge

3 To see if the Town will agree that y^e advice of the Rev-
 erend Ministers Concerning Mr William Osgood shall be En-
 tered in the Town Records; to wit the advice that was Left

by y^e Reverend Mr. Fish and others

4 To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

5 To Accept of the Return of the Committee that was Cho-
 sen to Turn y^e way that Layeth through Jacob Redingtons

Land

Jacob Towne

Dated Topsfield September 16th 1737 William Redington
 John Willdes Constable for Topsfield
 Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 19th 1727

1 Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 The Town agreed that the Selectmen in apportioning the Town Rate (that shall be needful for y^e Defraying y^e town Charges for this year) shall Lay five shillings on Each Ratable pole to Every hundred pounds and so in that proportion for a Greater or Lesser sum
voted

3 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark Eighteen shillings for six mens dinners viz y^e four Reverend Ministers; and two Mr Osgoods. and also thirteen shillings & six pence for other nescesarys for s^d Gentlemen on y^e Day that the Ministers Gave their advice to y^e Town Concerning Mr Osgood
voted 1-11-0

4 The Town allowed to Joseph how fifteen shillings for sweeping y^e meeting house from y^e Twenty first day of October 1726 till sometime in June 1727
0 15 0

5 The Town Allowed to Mr Simon Bradstreet for serving school-master in 1727
1 0 0

6 The Town Allowed to y^e widow Anne Averill fourty shillings for keeping and Looking after y^e widow Mary Averill five weeks some time y^e Last spring
2 0 0

7 The Town allowed to Ephraim Willdes three shillings for Carrying y^e wido Mary Averill from Jonathan Willdes his house to the widow Phebe Goodhalls in y^e year 1726
0 3 0

8 The Town Allowed to John Wildes Eight shillings for warnning Two Town meetings some time in y^e summer past
voted 0-8-0

9 Samuel Howlett & Joseph Dorman are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

The freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are hereby Notified And warned to Assemble and meet together at the meeting house in Topsfield On Tuseday the thirty first Currant at twelve of the Clock on said day

1 To Choose a Representative to serve in a Great and General Court or Assembly Appointed to be holden at the Court House in Boston Upon Wednesday the Twenty second

At A Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^r 19th 1737
 1 Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meet-
 ing
 2 The Town agreed that the Selectmen in appointing
 the Town Rate (that shall be needed for y^e Carrying y^e
 Town Charges for this year) shall Lay the things on Each
 Rateable rate to Every hundred pounds and so in that pro-
 portion for a Greater or Lesser sum
 3 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark fifteen shil-
 lings for six mens dinner viz y^e four Reverend Ministers;
 and two Mr Osmonds, and also fifteen shillings for six pence
 for other necessary for y^e Goddards on y^e Day that the
 Ministers Gave their advice to y^e Town Concerning Mr Os-
 good
 4 The Town allowed to Joseph how fifteen shillings for
 sweeping y^e meeting house from y^e Twenty first day of Octo-
 ber 1735 till sometime in June 1737
 5 The Town Allowed to Mr Simon Bradstreet for serving
 school-master in 1737
 6 The Town Allowed to y^e widow Anne Averill forty
 shillings for keeping and looking after y^e widow Mary Aver-
 ill five weeks some time y^e Last spring
 7 The Town allowed to Ephraim Wilder three shillings
 for Carrying y^e wife Mary Averill from Jonathan Wilders
 his house to the widow Fines Goodhalls in y^e year 1736 & 3-0
 8 The Town Allowed to John Wilder eight shillings for
 warning Two Town meetings some time in y^e summer past
 9 Samuel Howlett & Joseph Dorman are Chosen to serve
 on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e Next Inferiour Court to be hold-
 en at Newbery
 The freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of
 Topsfield such as are Qualified as the Law Directs for vot-
 ing are hereby Notified And warned to Assemble and meet
 together at the meeting house in Topsfield On Tuesday the
 thirty first Current at twelve of the Clock on said day
 1 To Choose a Representative to serve in a Great and
 General Court or Assembly Appointed to be holden at the
 Court House in Boston Upon Wednesday the Twenty second

Day of November next Ensuing the Date hereof

2 To allow Bills of Charge

3 To see if the Town will take further Care that the Parsonage Land May be fenced in

Dated Topsfield October 28th 1727

Jacob Towne

David Commings Constable of Topsfield

Thomas Gould

Benja^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield October 31st 1727

1 Deaⁿ Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Quartermaster Nath^l Bordman is Chosen Representative to serve at a General Court or Assembly to be holden at y^e Town house in Boston On y^e Twenty second Day of November next Ensuing voted

3 The Town Allowed to Jacob Robinson Jacob Towne & Benjamin Towne seven shillings and six pence for perambulating on y^e Line between Salem and Topsfield in April 1727 voted 0-7-6

4 The Town Allowed fourteen shillings to Clerk Elisha Perkins for Entertaining Mr White and his horse four Sabbath Days y^e summer past voted 0 14 0

5 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark two pound four shillings and six pence for keeping a minister & his horse Eight Sabbath Days voted 2 4 6

6 The Town allowed to Mr Daniel Clark one pound for going to Boston and fagintown four Day to prevent sd fagingtown being set off as a township voted 1 0 0

7 The Town allowed to Thomas Gould Joseph Towne one pound four shillings for going to Desire the Reverend Ministers to meet together in Topsfield to Give their advice to the Town and Church Concerning Mr William Osgood voted 1 4 0

8 The Town Allowed to Thomas Gould five shillings for Perambulating with Ipswich Men in 1724 & with Boxford in 1727 voted 0 5 0

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified for Voting as y^e Law Directs are hereby Notified and warn^d to Assemble and Meet together

Day of November next Fastening the Date hereto

2 To allow Bills of Charge

3 To see if the Town will take further Care than the Pre-

sented Land May be taxed in

Dated Topsfield October 28th 1737

David Comings Constable of Topsfield

Ben^y Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield October 21st 1737

1 Dea^y Daniel Redington is Chosen Moderator for this

meeting

2 Quorummaster Nath^l Johnson is Chosen Representative

to serve at a General Court or Assembly to be holden at y^e

Town house in Boston On y^e Twenty second Day of Novem-

ber next Fastening

3 The Town Allowed to Jacob Robinson Jacob Towne &

Benjamin Towne seven shillings and six pence for peramb-

ling on y^e Line between Salem and Topsfield in April 1737

voted 5-7-6

4 The Town Allowed fourteen shillings to Clark Thib-

Perkins for Entertaining Mr White and his horse four Sab-

bath Days y^e summer past

5 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark two pound four

shillings and six pence for keeping a minister & his horse

Eight Sabbath Days

6 The Town allowed to Mr Daniel Clark one pound for

going to Boston and returning four Day to prevent ed

laggingtown being set off as a township

7 The Town allowed to Thomas Gould Joseph Towne

one pound four shillings for going to Deane the Reverend

Ministers to meet together in Topsfield to Give their advice

to the Town and Church Concerning Mr William Osgood

voted 1 4 0

8 The Town Allowed to Thomas Gould five shillings for

Perambulating with Ipswich Men in 1734 & with Huxford in

1737

voted 5 2 0

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Top-

field Such as are Qualified for Voting as y^e Law Directs are

herby Notified and warn^d to Assemble and Meet together

at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on y^e seventeenth Currant
at one of the Clock after noon on sd Day

First To see what Method the Town will take to Supply
y^e Pulpit

2 To see what y^e Town will do in order to Clear with Mr
William Osgood

3 To Allow bills of Charge

4 To see if y^e Town will Abate the Inhabitants on y^e south
side of Nickolls Brook to the Ministers Rate

5 To see if the Town will Joyn with y^e Non Petitioners in
Topsfield to try to Prevent their being set off from us

Jacob Towne

Dat^d November y^e 8th 1727

Thomas Gould

John Willdes Constable of Topsfield William Redington

Paul Averill

Benjamin Towne

Thomas Robinson

Selectmen of Topsfield

Job Averill

John Commings

Daniel Towne

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield November 17th
1727

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this
Meeting voted

2 The Town agreed to make Choice of one out of the
three Ministers that have Lastly Preacht with us (viz: Mr
ffitz Gerald Mr Tappan & Mr Bradstreet) to Preach to &
among us some time longer upon probation voted

3 The Town having brought in their votes for one of said
Ministers it appeared that Mr Benjamin Bradstreet had the
Major part of y^e votes

4 Deaⁿ John Howlet Mr Nath^l Porter & Mr Elisha Per-
kins are Chosen a Committe to Inform the Reverend Ben-
jamin Bradstreet that the Town hath made Choice of himself
to preach to and Amongst us two months Longer: and also
the said Committe are to Agree with y^e s^d Mr Bradstreet
for s^d service voted

5 Mr Nath^l Porter Mr Thomas Gould & Mr Benjamin
Towne are Chosen a Committe to Agree with Mr William
Osgood Concerning y^e Parsonage in Topsfield and also to

at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on y^e seventeenth Current
at one of the Clock after noon on sd Day
First To see what Method the Town will take to Supply
y^e Publick
2 To see what y^e Town will do in order to Clear with Mr
William Osgood

3 To Allow bills of Charge
4 To see if y^e Town will Abate the Inhabitants on y^e south
side of Nickells Brook to the Ministers Rate
5 To see if the Town will Join with y^e New Towne in
Topsfield to try to prevent their being set off from us

1737
Date November y^e 28 1737
John Willdes Constable of Topsfield
Paul Averill
Thomas Robinson
Job Averill
John Connings
Daniel Towne
Jacob Towne
Thomas Gould
William Redington
Benjamin Towne
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield November 1737

1 Dca^r John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this
Meeting
2 The Town agreed to make Choice of one out of the
three Ministers that have Lastly Preacht with us (viz: Mr
Gerald Mr Tappan & Mr Bradstreet) to Preach to &
among us some time longer upon probation
3 The Town having brought in their votes for one of said
Ministers it appeared that Mr Benjamin Bradstreet had the
Major part of y^e votes

4 Dca^r John Howlet Mr Nath^l Porter & Mr Eliah Par-
kins are Chosen a Committee to Inform the Reverend Ben-
jamin Bradstreet that the Town hath made Choice of him self
to preach to and Amongst us two months longer; and also
the said Committee are to Agree with y^e Mr Bradstreet
for y^e service

5 Mr Nath^l Porter Mr Thomas Gould & Mr Benjamin
Towne are Chosen a Committee to Agree with Mr William
Osgood Concerning y^e Passage in Topsfield and also to

git an aquittance from s^d Osgood to Clear the Town from all Covenants and agreements that are between said Mr Osgood & y^e Church & Town of Topsfield voted

6 The Town allowed to Samuel Smith two shillings for Timber to mend the Bridge near the Meeting house voted

To David Commings Constable of Topsfield Greeting &c You are Hereby Required in his Majisties name to Notifie and warn the Inhabitance of Topsfield one South Side of y^e River: such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs: to assemble and Meet together at the meeting house in sd Topsfield On Wednesday the Twenty second Currant at one of the Clock after noon on sd: first To see if the Town will agree to Give Mr Benj^a Bradstreet A Call to y^e Ministry amongst us: or to seek Some other way to suply Pulpit zly: To Allow bills of Charge And make Return of your so doing at time and place as you will answer y^e Contrary at y^e Perrill of the Law

Jacob Towne

Dat^d Topsfield November y^e 20th 1727 Thomas Gould

William Redington

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Novem^r 22: 1727

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Whereas the Church hath agreed to give the Reverend Mr Benj^a Bradstreet A Call to the work of the Ministry in Topsfield The Town Readily Concurs therewith
voted

3 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen to Joyn with y^e Committe y^t y^e Church hath already Chosen to give the Reverend Mr Benj^a Bradstreet a Call to y^e work of the Ministry in Topsfield
voted

4 The Town Agreed that in Case Mr Bradstreet is unable at present or if he doth not incline to preach amonge us any more then Deaⁿ John Howlett Mr Elisha Perkins & Mr Nath^l Porter are impowered to provide some other minister to preach with us the two next Sabbaths
voted

5 The Town allowed to John Wilds Constable fifteen shillings & four pence it being an abatement of Nathan Hoods head money to y^e province & ministers Rates in y^e year 1726 he being out of Town before y^e s^d rates were made
voted

fit an appearance from 8 o'clock to clear the Town from all
Covenants and agreements that are between said Mr. Osgood
& the Church & Town of Topsfield
voted

6 The Town allowed to Samuel Smith two shillings for
Timber to mend the bridge near the Meeting house
voted

To David Conner Constable of Topsfield Granting the
You are hereby Requested in the Minister name to Notice
and warn the Inhabitants of Topsfield and South Side of
the River: such as are Qualified for Voting as the Law Di-
rects: to assemble and meet together at the meeting house
in said Topsfield On Wednesday the Twenty second Current
at one of the Clock after noon on sd: that To see if the
Town will agree to Give Mr. Bessy Bradstreet A Call to the
Ministry amongst us: or to seek Some other way to supply
the said: To Allow bills of Charge And make Return of
your so doing at that and place as you will answer the Con-
vency at the Perill of the Law

Done at Topsfield November 20th 1727 Thomas Gould
William Houghton
Benjⁿ Towne
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield Novemb^r 22: 1727
1 Bessy John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Whereas the Church hath agreed to give the Reverend
Mr. Bessy Bradstreet A Call to the work of the Ministry in
Topsfield The Town Readily Consents therewith
voted

3 Mr. Nathl^l Porter is Chosen to Jeyn with the Commitee
the Church hath already Chosen to give the Reverend Mr.
Bessy Bradstreet a Call to the work of the Ministry in Top-
sfield
voted

4 The Town Agreed that in Case Mr. Bradstreet is unable
at present or if he doth not incline to preach amongst us any
more then Bessy John Howlet Mr. Elisha Jordan & Mr.
Nathl^l Porter are empowered to provide some other minister
to preach with us the two next Sabbaths
voted

5 The Town allowed to John Webb Constable fifteen shil-
lings & four pence it being an abatement of Nathl^l Howlet
head money to the province & ministers Rates in the year 1726
he being out of Town before the rates were made
voted

The Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law directs are Notified and warn^d to Assemble and meet together at the meeting house in Topsfield on Monday y^e fourth Day of December Currant at one of the Clock in the afternoon on s^d Day

first To see what method the Town will take to Supply the Pulpit Whether By sending a Com^{tee} to any Perticular gentleman or to Leave it to a Committe to gitt such an one as they may think fitt for s^d service

2ly To Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield December y^e first 1727 Jacob Towne

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield Thomas Gould

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town meeting in Topsfield December y^e 4:
1727

first Mr Nathaniel Porter is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Whereas The Church have Agreed to Give Mr Bezaleel Tappan a Call to settle with us in y^e Ministry in Topsfield; the Town Doth now Concur therewith voted

Notwithstanding y^e Last vote the Town for some Reasons Did Decline sending a Committe to the sd Mr Tappan

3 Mr Joseph Towne Mr Thomas Gould & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe To procure a Minister or Ministers to Dispenche the word of God to & amongst us in Topsfield the four next Sabbaths: And s^d Committe are to agree with such minister Or ministers as they shall git for said service voted

The free holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as Are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting Are Hereby Notified and warned to Assemble and meet together at the Meeting House in Topsfield On Tuseday the second Day of January Next at Twelve of y^e Clock on said day

1 To see what Method the Town will take for y^e further supplying of the pulpit in Topsfield

2 To see how the Town will Support the Ministry

3 To see if the Town will give Mr Jacob Eliot an Invita-

The inhabitants of the Town at Topsfield such as are qualified for voting as the Law directs are Notified and warned to Assemble and meet together at the meeting-house in Topsfield on Monday 7th month Day of December Current at one of the Clock in the afternoon on 4th Day

And To see what method the Town will take to supply the Parish With the necessary a Committee to enquire into the manner or to leave it to a Committee to give such an one as they may think fit for service

To Allow of the Charge
 John White Constable for Topsfield
 Thomas Gould
 Jacob Towne
 William Richardson
 Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town meeting in Topsfield December 7th 1737

First Mr Nathaniel Porter is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting

2 Whereas The Church have Agreed to Give Mr Beasley a Call to settle with us in y^e Ministry in Topsfield; the Town Doth now Consent therewith

3 Mr Beasley having a Committee to the sd Mr Tappan

are Chosen a Committee To procure a Minister or Ministers to Discharge the word of God to & amongst us in Topsfield the four next Sabbaths: And sd Committee are to agree with such minister Or ministers as they shall get for said service

The three pastors and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified as the Law Directs for voting are Hereby Notified and warned to Assemble and meet together at the Meeting House in Topsfield On Tuesday the second Day of January Next at Twelve of y^e Clock on said day

1 To see what Method the Town will take for y^e further supplying of the parish in Topsfield

2 To see how the Town will support the Ministry

3 To see if the Town will give Mr Jacob Elliot an Invi-

tion to Preach to & amongst us in Topsfield sometime Longer
in Order to his settlement with us in the Ministry

4 To see How much money [y^e Towne] will order to be
Raised to Defray Town Charges

5 To see What y^e Town will do with y^e intrest of the Loan
Money

6 To Allow Bills of Charge

Jacob Towne

Dated Topsfield December y^e 28: 1727

Thomas Gould

John Willdes Constable for Topsfield

Benj^a Towne

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Jan^{ry} y^e 2nd:
1727-8

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this
Meeting

voted

2 The Town agreed to give Mr Jacob Eliot an Invitation
to Preach to and amongst us in Topsfield sometime Longer
in Order to his Settlement with us in y^e ministry

voted

3 Mr Thomas Gould Mr Joseph Towne & Jacob Peabody
are Chosen a Committe to Discourse with s^d Mr Eliot to see
if he will see Cause to preach sometime Longer amongst us
in Answer to the above written vote

voted

4 The Town Agreed that y^e present Selectmen shall Raise
or Levie a Tax of one hundred & Thirty pounds to Defray
Town Charges

voted

5 The Town agreed that the Town Treasurer shall Receive
y^e Intrest of y^e Towns Loan Money (for y^e year past) of the
other Trustees viz Cap^t Gould & Deaⁿ Howlett for y^e towns
use

voted

6 The Town agreed that y^e Committee viz Thomas Gould
Joseph Towne and Jacob Peabody shall have power to Draw
Money out of y^e town Treasurey to pay Mr Eliot for his ser-
vice in y^e Ministry as Long as he shall Preach to & amongst
us in Topsfield upon y^e above written vote at Thirty shillings
per day

voted

7 The Town Allowed to David Commings Constable
Eleven shillings for warning three Town meetings in y^e sum-
mer past

voted 0-11-0

tion to preach to & amongst us in Topsfield sometime longer
in Order to his settlement with us in the Ministry
4 To see how much money [y^e Towne] will order to be
Raised to Defray Town Charges
5 To see What y^e Town will do with y^e interest of the Loan

Money

6 To Allow Bills of Charge
Dated Topsfield December 28: 1737 Thomas Gould
John Willdes Constable for Topsfield
Wmth Redington
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield Jan^y 2nd 1737-8

1 Des^r John Howett is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting

2 The Town agreed to give Mr Jacob Elliot an Invitation to preach to and amongst us in Topsfield sometime longer in Order to his Settlement with us in y^e Ministry

3 Mr Thomas Gould Mr Jacob Towne & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committee to Discourse with Mr Elliot to see if he will see Cause to preach sometime longer amongst us in Answer to the above written vote

4 The Town Agreed that y^e present Selectmen shall Raise or Levy a Tax of one hundred & thirty pounds to Defray Town Charges

5 The Town agreed that the Town Treasurer shall Receive y^e Interest of y^e Towns Loan Money (for y^e year past) of the other Trustees viz Cap^t Gould & Des^r Howett for y^e Towns use

6 The Town agreed that y^e Committee viz Thomas Gould Joseph Towne and Jacob Peabody shall have power to Draw Money out of y^e Towns Treasury to pay Mr Elliot for his services in y^e Ministry as long as he shall preach to & amongst us in Topsfield upon y^e above written vote at Thirty shillings per day

7 The Town Allowed to David Cummings Constable Eleven shillings for warning three Town meetings in y^e sum- mer past

8 The Town Allowed to John Willdes Constable four shillings for warning a town meeting in November Last past

voted 0-4-0

9 The Town Allowed to Mr Elisha Perkins Ten shillings for Entertaining Mr Benja^a Bradstreet four Sabbaths in y^e summer past

voted 0 10 0

10 The Town Allowed to Thomas Dwinel three shillings for Three Trees to mend y^e town bridge

voted 0 3 0

11 The Town Allowed to Benja^a Towne two shillings for Timber to mend y^e ways in 1727

voted

12 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark one pound nine shillings & four pence which is for the glass that John Smith set & mended in the meeting house y^e year past Except Mrs. Bakers pew windo & y^e glass in the west pew above

voted 1 9 4

13 The Town Allowed to y^e Assessors viz Jacob Towne Thomas Gould Benjamin Towne and William Reddington for taking y^e valuation of the Towns Estate in 1727 five pound twelve shillings

5 12 0

Boston June 21st 1727

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield by Mr Nath^l Porter fifty one pound being the second fifth part of their Proportion of the £ 50 000 Loan

ffor my mas^r Jer^e Allen Treasurer

P Geor: Rogers

The Inhabitants of the town of Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting As the Law Directs are Notified & Warn^d to assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e thirteenth Currant at Eleven of y^e Clock on sd day

first To see if the Town will Concur with y^e Church In giving the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot a Call to the Work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield

2 If the Towne Don^t see Cause to Concur With the Churches vote in Calling y^e s^d Mr Eliot then to Chuse a Committe to supply the Pulpit some other way as they may think best

3 To see If the Town will abate y^e Inhabitants of our Town on the south side of Nickolses Brook their Rates or any part

- 8 The Town Allowed to John Wilkes Constable four shillings for warming a town meeting in November last past
voted 0-4-0
- 9 The Town Allowed to Mr. Ebenezer Perkins Ten shillings for entertaining Mr. Hays, Treasurer last Sabbath in 1737
voted 0-10-0
- 10 The Town Allowed to Thomas Dwinel three shillings for three trees to mend the town bridge
voted 0-3-0
- 11 The Town Allowed to Hays, Towns two shillings for timber to mend ways in 1737
voted
- 12 The Town Allowed to Mr. Daniel Clark one pound nine shillings & four pence which is for the glass that John Smith set & mended in the meeting house 7th year past except Mrs. Bakers new window & 7th glass in the west pew
voted 1-9-4
- 13 The Town Allowed to 7th Assessors viz Jacob Towne Thomas Gould Benjamin Towne and William Reddington for taking 7th valuation of the Towns Estate in 1737 five pound twelve shillings
5-12-0

Boston June 21st 1737
Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield by Mr. Nathl. Porter Min^{try}
one pound being the second year part of their proportion of the £ 500 Loan
for my mas^r J^r Allen Treasurer
P. Gcor: Rogers

The inhabitants of the town of Topsfield such as are Called for Voting As the Law Directs are Called & Warned to assemble and Meet together at 7th Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuesday 7th thirtieth Current at Eleven of 7th Clock on sd day
first To see if the Town will Consent with 7th Church in giving the Reverend Mr. Jacob Elliot a Call to the Work of 7th Ministry in Topsfield
2nd If the Towns Don^t see Cause to Consent With the Churches vote in Calling 7th Mr. Elliot then to Choose a Committee to supply the Pulpit some other way as they may think best
3rd To see if the Town will abate 7th inhabitants of our Town on the south side of Nicholas Brook their Rates or any part

of them which is made to Defray Town charges for this year

Dat^d Topsfield February y^e 6th 1727-8 Jacob Towne
 John Willdes Constable for Topsfield Thomas Gould
 A True Copy of the Notification Benj^a Towne
 Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk Will^m Reddington
 Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield feeb:^y 13th 1727-8

1 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 The Town Agreed (& Concurd with the Church) to give the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot a Call to settle with us in the work of the Ministry in Topsfield voted

3 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen in behalf of y^e Town to Joyn with the Committe which the Church hath already Chosen to give the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot A Call to settle with us in the work of the Ministry in Topsfield voted

Topsfield Feb^{ry} 21st 1727-28

Received of Mr Jacob Peabody on behalf of the Town the sum of seven Pounds Ten shillings in full for my Preaching at Topsfield to this Day

P me Jacob Eliot

This is a True Copy of the Receipt attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting house in Topsfield On Tusday the fift day of March next at Eight of the Clock before noon on said day

1 To Chuse Town Officers as the Law Directs

2 To see if the Town will give Order to Enter the Advice of the Reverend Ministers to wit Mr ffish & others Concerning Mr William Osgood in the Town Records:

Dat^d Topsfield february 22: Annoq: Domini 1727-8

of them which is made to DeRay Town charges for this

year
 Day Topsfield February 7th 1737-8 Jacob Towne
 John Willies Constable for Topsfield Thomas Gould
 A True Copy of the Notification
 Jacob Towne
 Attest Jacob Fesbody Town Clerk
 William Redington
 Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Feb^y 13th

1737-8
 1 Mr Zachus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this
 Meeting
 2 The Town Agreed (& Consented with the Church) to give
 the Reverend Mr Jacob Elliot a Call to settle with us in the
 work of the Ministry in Topsfield
 3 Mr Zachus Gould is Chosen in behalf of the Town to
 join with the Committee which the Church hath already
 Chosen to give the Reverend Mr Jacob Elliot a Call to set-
 tle with us in the work of the Ministry in Topsfield
 voted

Topsfield Feb^y 21st 1737-38
 Received of Mr Jacob Fesbody on behalf of the Town
 the sum of seven Pounds Ten shillings in full for my Treas-
 ing at Topsfield to this Day

I me Jacob Elliot
 This is a True Copy of the Receipt attest Jacob Fesbody
 Town Clerk

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
 Topsfield such as are Qualified as the Law Directs for Vol-
 ing are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and Meet
 together at the Meeting house in Topsfield On Tuesday the
 11th day of March next at eight of the Clock before noon on
 said day

1 To Chuse Town Officers as the Law Directs
 2 To see if the Town will give Order to Enter the Advice
 of the Reverend Ministers to wit Mr Misk & others Concer-
 ing Mr William Osgood in the Town Records:
 Day Topsfield February 22nd Anned: Mooning 1737-8

John Wilds Constable for Topsfield

Jacob Towne
Thomas Gould
Benj^a Towne
William Reddington

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 5th
1727-8

1 En^s Timothy Perkins is Chosen moderator for this meeting voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year Ensuing voted

3 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing voted

4 Joseph Dorman & Francis Peabody are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 En^s Amos Dorman & Zacheus Gould Quarter^{mstr} Nath^l Bordman Ivory Hovey & William Redington are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 Doc^t Michael Dwinel John Nickols & Luke Averill are chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

7 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing voted

8 John Dwinel & Ephraim Willdes are Chosen Sirveyers of y^e highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

9 John Burton & Joseph Knight are Chosen field drivers for the year Ensuing voted

10 Mr Daniel Clark & Jacob Robinson are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 David Balch & Edmon Towne are Chosen Hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

12 Richard Town is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year Ensuing voted

13 The Town agreed to take up with y^e Reverend Ministers Advice viz Mr ffisk & Others Respecting Mr William Osgood & the Church & Town of Topsfield and Ordred that y^e s^d Advice should be Entred on the Town Book

voted

The Town Officers that ware Chosen at y^e above said meeting of whom an oath is by Law Required; all appeared at the house of Mr Daniel Clark inn holder in Topsfield im-

The Town Officers that were Chosen at y^e above said meeting of whom an oath is by Law Required; all appeared at the house of Mr. Daniel Clark inn holder in Topsfield in- that y^e Advice should be limited on the Town Book Osgood & the Church & Town of Topsfield and Ordered to Advise wth Mr. Clark & Others Respecting Mr. William 13 The Town agreed to take up with y^e Reverend Minis- 12 Richard Town is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year En- voted for y^e year Ensign 11 David Hatch & Robert Town are Chosen Highways voters for y^e year Ensign 10 Mr. Daniel Clark & Jacob Robinson are Chosen fence for the year Ensign 9 John Burton & Joseph Knight are Chosen field drivers of y^e highways for y^e year Ensign 8 John Daniel & Ephraim Willard are Chosen Surveyors year Ensign 7 En^{rs} Amos Dorman is Chosen sealer of leather for y^e chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensign 6 En^{rs} Michael Daniel John Nichols & Luke Averill are Selectmen for y^e year Ensign 5 En^{rs} Amos Dorman & Zachary Gould Quartermen wth 4 Joseph Dorman & Ephraim Peabody are Chosen Com- voted stables for y^e year Ensign 3 En^{rs} Amos Dorman & Zachary Gould Quartermen wth 2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year meeting 1 En^{rs} Timothy Perkins is Chosen moderator for this 1727-8 At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 2nd William Weddington Beep Towne Thomas Gould Jacob Towne John Wilds Constable for Topsfield

mediatly after said meeting was over & tooke the oath Proper for their Respective Offices before the Selectmen & Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being Convened in Topsfield July: 19th 1728 Att the Instance & Request both of ye Town & church in this place, to give our advice to them refering to y^e Difficulty of their Circumstances The Rev^d Mr William Osgood with whom this Town & Church had Agreed to settle with in y^e Ministry having Left them

Having had their s^d Circumstances Laid before us together with the Reasons of y^e Late Conduct of Mr Osgood in Desisting from y^e work of y^e Ministry amongst them Do give our thoughts and advice in reference thereto as follows viz

1 We find there has been a Mutual Covenant Entred into between Mr William Osgood & the Church & Town of Topsfield that he should settle with them in y^e Ministry

2 We find there have been unhappy and grievous rumours & Reports spread with respect to Mr Osgood that Carry in them great Detrustion: which Rumours & Reports we dont find ever to have been proved against him or that he has been ever Dealt with in an Ecclesiasticale way, or before y^e Civell Magistrate for y^e same, which we think Carrys in it a presumptive argument that they are without proof. Otherwise that those who might & whose duty seems to have been Concerned in their setting things in a Clear Light have been to blame y^t they have not done it: but suffered things for so Long a time to Continue in y^e Dark to y^e great Disturbance of y^e peace and hendrance of y^e Edification of y^e People of God in this place

3 We must needs approve & Commend the Church & Town of Topsfield in the Tender Regard they have manifested both with respect to their own Covenant with Mr Osgood and also with respect to his Reputation

4 Inasmuch as M^r William Osgood has Pleaded as y^e Reasons of his Conduct in Desisting from y^e work of the Ministry in this place that y^e Obstructions he has met with as to his being Ordained to y^e Ministry and the Manifold Reflections that have been Cast upon him are so great a burden upon his mind that upon Experience he finds himself unable to

medially after said meeting was over it took the oath
 Proper for their Respective Offices before the Selectmen &
 Town Clerk

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 sult with in ye Ministry having left them

Having had their Circumstances laid before us together
 with the Reasons of ye Late Conduct of Mr. Osgood in De-
 parting from ye work of ye Ministry amongst them Do give
 our thoughts and advice in reference thereto as follows viz
 1 We had there been a Mutual Covenant Ratified
 into between Mr. William Osgood & the Church & Town
 of Townfield that he should settle with them in ye Ministry

2 We find there have been unhappy and grievous rumours
 & Reports spread with respect to Mr. Osgood that Carry in
 them great Detraction: which Rumours & Reports we doubt
 had ever to have been proved against him or that he has
 been ever dealt with in an Ecclesiastical way or before ye
 Civil Magistrate for ye same, which we think Carries in it a
 presumptive argument that they are without proof. Other-
 wise that those who might & whose duty seems to have been
 concerned in their setting things in a Clear Light have been
 to blame ye they have not done it: but suffered things for so
 long a time to Continue in ye Dark to ye great Detraction
 of ye peace and hindrance of ye Edification of ye People of
 God in this place

3 We must needs approve & Commend the Church & Town
 of Townfield in the Tender Regard they have manifested both
 with respect to their own Covenant with Mr. Osgood and
 also with respect to his Reputation

4 Inasmuch as Mr. William Osgood has Pleaded as ye
 Reasons of his Conduct in Departing from ye work of the Min-
 istry in this place that ye Obstructions he has met with as to his
 being Ordained to ye Ministry and the Mansfold Ecclesiastical
 that have been Cast upon him are so great a burden upon
 his mind that upon Experience he finds himself unable to

bear up under it, so as to go on in his ministerial work with that Chearfullness & freedom which he thinks Necessary, for gods glory, the good of this People, & his own Comfort. And for y^e same Reasons still Moves that the Covenant between him & this Church & Town, May by them be relinquished and disannulled—We do therefore upon the whole Considering the Exhortation Taking y^e Oversight thereof not by Constraint but willingly—Advise That this Church & Town fall in with Mr Osgoods motion, he repeating y^e same to them in writing under his hand, and Dismise him from the Obligations he has in Compliance with their Call, brought himself under to serve them in the ministry

Finally Brethren in the Bowells of Christ we do Exhort you seriously to Examine into and humble yourselves Deeply before God, for whatsoever may have been amidst in the Hours of Temptation, that you strive to Abound in Love Each to other, studying and pursueing the things that make for peace & where with one may Edifie another, uniting in your fervent prayers to God that he would give you Peace always & by all means And that in his own due time (& may it be speedily) he would happily resettle y^e Gospel Ministry Amongst you; Thus Commending you to gracious Care & guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ the great Shepherd of y^e Sheep & Bishop of Souls We remain your Affectionate friends and servants in Christ Jesus

To the Church & Town
of Topsfield

Samuell ffisk

John Barnard

Benj^a Prescott

Daniel Putnam

This is a True Copy of y^e Advice of the above said Reverend Ministers To the Church & Town of Topsfield Attest
Jacob Peabody To: Cler

To the Church & Town of Topsfield

Gentlemen

These may Certifie—you that I do freely fully & forever aquit and absolve you from all Covenants & Agreements that are between you and myself: And I do sincerely Desire & wish your Speedy & Lasting Resettlement in y^e Ministry: And pray that y^e god of peace wisdom and Order would be with you and specially aid and assist you for that end as witness My hand

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ly before God, for whatsoever may have been sinful in the
Hours of Temptation, that you strive to Abandon in Love
Each to other, studying and pursuing the things that make
for peace & where with one may Help another, uniting in
your fervent prayers to God that he would give you Grace
always & by all means And that in his own due time (he may
it be speedily) he would happily raise y^e Gospel Ministry
Amongst you; Thus Commending you to merciful Care &
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would be with you and specially aid and assist you for that
end as witness My hand

Salem Dec^r 8: 1727

William Osgood

A True Copy of Mr [Osgood's] Aquittance sent To y^e Church and Town of Topsfield Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders and Other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs are Here by Notified & warned to Assemble and meet together at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e 19th of March Currant at 12 of y^e Clock on sd Day

1 To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court according to warrant

2 To see if the Town will Choose one or Two Men to go to Ipswich Court to be holden on y^e Last Tuseday of March Currant With a Petition for Money to Defray y^e Charge of Repairing the bridge & Causeway adjoyning to y^e sd Bridge which is Comonly Called the Town Bridge in Topsfield

3 To see if y^e Town will see Cause to reconsider their vote in Concurring with the Church in giving Mr Jacob Eliot a Call to y^e work of the ministry in Topsfi^d

4 To Allow Bills of Charge

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 14: 1727

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Nath^{ll} Bordman

Will^m Redington

Selectmen of Topsfield

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A True Copy of y^e Notification Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 19th 1727-8

1 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Capt^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to serve on y^e grand jury at y^e next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

3 Mr Daniel Clark & Thomas Gould are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 Quarter Master Nath Bordman & Mr John Wildes are Chosen to Petition to the Court of general Sessions of y^e Peace to be holden at Ipswich on y^e Last Tuseday of March Currant To see if y^e Honourable Court will Please to allow

Salem Dec 8: 1737
 A True Copy of Mr [Osgood's] Answer sent to y^e
 Church and Town of Topsfield Attest Jacob Peabody Town
 Cler

The freeholders and Other Inhabitants of y^e Town of
 Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting as the Law Di-
 rected are Here by Notified & warned to Assemble and meet
 together at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuesday y^e 19th
 of March Current at 12 of y^e Clock on sd Day
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 Call to y^e work of the ministry in Topsfield

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 At Topsfield March y^e 14: 1737
 Amos Dornan
 Zachary Gould
 Nath^l Borden
 Wm^o Reddick
 Selection of Topsfield

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 Town Cler

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 19th
 1737-8

1 En^o Amos Dornan is Chosen Moderator for this Meet-
 ing
 2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to serve on y^e grand jury
 at y^e next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich
 3 Mr Daniel Clark & Thomas Gould are Chosen to serve
 on y^e jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court to be holden
 at Ipswich
 4 Quarter Master Nath^l Borden & Mr John Wilkes are
 Chosen to Petition to the Court at General Sessions of y^e
 Peace to be holden at Ipswich on y^e Last Tuesday of March
 Current To see if y^e Honorable Court will Please to allow

any thing towards the repairing of y^e Bridge which is over y^e River in Topsfield (Commonly Called the Town Bridge) & the Causway adjoining to it voted

5 The Town Allowed To Doc^t Samuel Wallis of Ipswich the sum of five pounds sixteen shillings & six pence for Curing y^e widow Mary Averills knee in y^e year 1726

voted £1-16-6

6 The Town allowed to Doc^t Michael Dwinell one shilling & six pence for perambulating with Wenham men on y^e Line between Wenham & Topsfield in May anno; 1727 £0-1-6

7 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark six shillings for his trouble in keeping and waiting on John Smith when he mended the Meeting house glass in 1727 0 6 0

The free Holders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified for voting as the Law Directs are hereby notified and warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e 2ⁿ Day of Aprill next Ensuing the Date hereof at 12 a Clock on s^d day

1 To see If the Town will Choose three Trustees, to go to y^e Province Treasurer for the Towns Proportion of y^e 60000 pound Bank of Loan Money and to Impower s^d Trustees to Let out s^d Money as the Town shall Agree at this present Meeting

2 To See if y^e Town will Agree upon a Sallary and settlement for the Suport of Mr Jacob Eliot in y^e work of y^e Ministry among: us: and to Chuse a Committee to Inform s^d Mr Eliot of the Towns proceeding Concerning his Sallary and Settlement with us

3 To see if the Town will Provide Plank to Cover y^e Town Bridge

4 To see if the Town will Agree to Set y^e swine go at Large this year

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 20th 1727-8 Amos Dorman
Joseph Dorman Constable for Topsfield Zacheus Could
Nath^l Bordman

William Reddington
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Aprill y^e 2nd 1728

any thing towards the repairing of y^e Bridge which is over y^e River in Toplefeld (Commonly Called the Town Bridge) & the Causeway adjoining to it
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The free Holders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Toplefeld Such as are Qualified for voting at the last Disputes are hereby notified and warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e meeting house in Toplefeld on Tuesday y^e 2^d Day of April next Ensuing the Date hereof at 12 a Clock on 2^d day

1 To see if the Town will Choose three Trustees to go to y^e Province Treasurer for the Towns proportion of y^e 5000 pound Bank of Mass Money and to impower y^e Trustees to let out 2^d Money to the Town Hall Agree at this present Meeting

2 To See if y^e Town will Agree upon a Salary and settlement for the Support of Mr Jacob Elliot in y^e work of y^e Ministry among us; and to Chuse a Committee to Inform y^e Mr Elliot of the Towns proceeding Concerning his Salary and Settlement with us

3 To see if the Town will Provide Blank to Cover y^e Town Bridge

4 To see if the Town will Agree to Set y^e swine go at large this year

Done Toplefeld March y^e 20th 1727-8 Amos Dorman
 Joseph Dorman Constable for Toplefeld Nath^l Dorman
 Nath^l Dorman
 William Redington
 Selectmen of Toplefeld

At A Lawtell Town Meeting in Toplefeld April y^e 2^d 1728

1 En^s Amos Dorman is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The freeholders Agreed to Choose Trustees to Receive of y^e province Treasur this Towns Proportion of y^e Sixty thousand pound of Loan money Agreeable to An Act Made & Passed in the General Court in 1727 voted

3 Mr Amos Dorman Mr Eliezer Lake & Jacob Peabody are Chosen Trustees to Receive and Let out sd Money according to such Rules as the Town shall now agree upon voted

4 The Town agreed that the said Trustees shall Let out sd Money at six pound percent per annum voted

5 The said Trustees shall not Let out above Twenty pound of s^d money to any person nor under five pound: And s^d Trustees shall not Keep any more of s^d Money for their own perticular use then is allowed by this vote to any Other person and not to Let out any of s^d money to any out Towns person voted

6 The Town agreed to give to the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot one hundred pounds per annum for his sallary if God in his providence shall settle him in y^e work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield voted

Amos Dorman	Jacob Dorman	John Perkins
Elisha Perkins	David Commings	Jacob Perkins
Benj ^a How	Stebbins Comings	Jonathan Perkins
Nath ^l Bordman	Samuel Towne	Joseph Dorman
Timothy Perkins	Joshua Towne	William Towne
Benj ^a Towne	Edmon Towne	Zacheus Gould
Daniel Towne	John Commings	John Dwinel

These several Persons here above Named All Entered their Contrary Dissent to the Last vote above written

7 The Town agreed to have y^e Town Bridge over y^e River in Topsfield Covered with Plank this Summer voted

8 Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen to Provide Plank two inches & a half thick and fourteen foot long: good white oak Plank to cover s^d bridge as aforsd voted

9 The Town agred that swine should go at Large this year according as the Law gives Liberty voted

10 Mr Thomas Gould Mr Zacheus Gould & Mr Joseph Towne & Jacob Peabody are Chosen to Inform the Reverend

1. Mr. Amos Borman is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
ing.
2. The Freeholders Agreed to Choose Trustees to Receive
of y^e Province Treasurer the Towns Proportion of y^e Sixty
thousand pound of Mass money Agreeable to An Act Made
& Passed in the General Court in 1737.
3. Mr Amos Borman Mr. William Towne Jacob & Joseph Perkins
are Chosen Trustees to Receive and Let out Money ac-
cording to such Rules as the Town shall now agree upon.
4. The Town agreed that the said Trustees shall Let out
and Money at six pound percent per annum.
5. The said Trustees shall not Let out above Twenty
pound of s^d money to any person nor under five pound: And
s^d Trustees shall not Keep any more of s^d Money for their
own particular use than is allowed by this vote to any Other
person and not to Let out any of s^d money to any out Towns
person.
6. The Town agreed to give to the Reverend Mr. Jacob
Elliot one hundred pounds per annum for his salary if God
in his providence shall settle him in y^e work of y^e Ministry
in Topsfield.
Amos Borman Jacob Borman John Perkins
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oak Plank to cover s^d bridge as aforesaid.
9. The Town agreed that swine should go at Large this
year according as the Law gives Liberty.
10. Mr. Thomas Gould Mr. Zachary Gould & Mr. Joseph
Towne & Jacob Perkins are Chosen to Inform the Reverend

Mr Jacob Eliot what the Town has Done this Day Respecting his sallary for his work in the Ministry in Topsfield voted

Amos Dorman Eliezer Lake & Jacob Peabody being Chosen Trustees to Receive & Let out the Towns Proportion of the sixty thousand pound Bank of Loan money: were sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Duty & Trust in that Capacity before y^e Selectmen of Topsfield on y^e Nineth day of Aprill, Anno Domini 1728

Entred by Order of y^e Selectmen Jacob Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as y^e Law Directs are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Monday y^e 29th day of Aprill Currant at Twelve of y^e Clock on sd Day

first to Chuse a Representative to go to y^e Great and General Court to be holden at Boston this year According to Warrant

2 To Recive the Answer which Mr Jacob Eliot sent to Zacheus Gould one of y^e Committe men which Made Return to y^e s^d Mr Eliot of y^e Towns proceedings at our Last Town Meeting

3 By the Desire of Ten or More freeholders of our Town to see if y^e Town will Concur with y^e Church in giveing Mr Bezaleel Tappan a Call to y^e work of y^e Ministry amongst us in Topsfield and chuse a Committee to Inform y^e said Mr Tappan of y^e Towns Proceeding in s^d afair also to see what y^e Town will give to y^e s^d Mr Tappan for his sallary and settlement with us if he will be pleased to take up with us and if y^e s^d Mr Tappan don^t see cause to take up with us then to Impower the y^e same Committe to Supply y^e Pulpitt some other way

4 By the Desire of Ten or more freeholders To see if the Town will give Mr Jacob Eliot a settlement to support him in the work of y^e Ministry amongst us and to Choose a Committe to Accompt with Mr Eliot for his Past service Amongst us

5 To see if If y^e Town will agree to Repair or Rebuild y^e Pound and make it According to Law

6 To allow Bills of Charge

Mr Jacob Elliot what the Town has Done this Day Respect-
ing his salary for his work in the Ministry in Topsfield voted

Amos Dorman Elder & Jacob Pasbody being Chos-
en Trustees to Receive & let out the Towns Proportion of
the sixty thousand pound Bank of Loan money; were sworn
to the faithful Discharge of their Duty & Term in that Ca-
pacity before y^e Selectmen of Topsfield on y^e Ninth day
of April, Anno Domini 1728

Enacted by Order of y^e Selectmen Jacob Pasbody Town Cler

The freemen & other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield
such as are Qualified for voting as y^e Law Directs are here-
by Notified and Warned to Assemble and Meet together at
y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Monday y^e 20th day of
April Current at Twelve of y^e Clock on sd Day

first to Chuse a Representative to go to y^e Great and Gen-
eral Court to be holden at Boston this year According to
Warrant

2 To Receive the Answer which Mr Jacob Elliot sent to
Nathans Gould one of y^e Committee men which Made Re-
turn to y^e sd Mr Elliot of y^e Towns proceedings at our last
Town Meeting

3 By the Desire of Ten or more freemen of our Town
to see if y^e Town will Concur with y^e Church in giving Mr
Hershel Tappan a Call to y^e work of y^e Ministry amongst us
in Topsfield and chuse a Committee to Inform y^e said Mr
Tappan of y^e Towns Proceeding in sd affair also to see what
y^e Town will give to y^e sd Mr Tappan for his salary and
settlement with us if he will be pleased to take up with us
and if y^e sd Mr Tappan don't see cause to take up with us
then to empower the y^e same Committee to Supply y^e Tithing
some other way

4 By the Desire of Ten or more freemen To see if the
Town will give Mr Jacob Elliot a settlement to support him
in the work of y^e Ministry amongst us and to Chuse a Com-
mittee to Accompany with Mr Elliot for his Past service
Amongst us

5 To see if y^e Town will agree to Repair or Rebuild y^e
Pound and make it According to Law

6 To allow Bills of Charge

Dat ^d Topsfield Aprill y ^e 22: 1728	Amos Dorman
	Zacheus gould
Joseph Dorman Constable	Nathaniel Bordman
for Topsfield	Will ^m Reddington
	Selectmen of Topsfield

This is True Copy of the Notification Attest Jacob Pea-
body Town Clerk

At a Legall Town meeting in Topsfield Aprill y^e 29th 1728
I Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
ing voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e
Town Agreeable to y^e Precept Lately sent to y^e selectmen
voted

3 The second & third Particulars or Articles in y^e notification for the warning this Meeting were brought under Consideration in order: and after Considerable Debate had thereupon they past a vote upon Each of them in order to dismise them as not thinking it Convenient to act anything upon them

4 The Town Agreed to give to the Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot one hundred Pounds in bills of Credit toward his settlement & for his Encouragement to settle with us in y^e Ministry to be paid as the Town & Mr Eliot shall agree if s^d Mr Eliot shall be Ordain^d & settled in y^e ministry in Topsfield
voted

5 Mr Nathaniel Aaveril Mr Elisha Perkins & Mr John Willds are Chosen a Committe to Adjust Accounts with y^e Reverend Mr Jacob Eliot for his past service in y^e work of y^e Ministry amongst us and also to Desire s^d Mr Eliot to give or send his Answer to y^e Town in full Refering to his settling with us in the Ministry in Topsfield

6 John Perkins & Jonathan Willdes are Chosed to Repair
y^e Pound if repairing will Doo: but if not they are to Build
& make a good sufficient pound that will Answer y^e Law
voted

7 The Town Allowed six shillings to Eben^r Nichols for
warning Two town meetings in 1726 voted o 6 o

8 the Town allowed Eighteen shillings to Dan Clark for sweeping the meeting house thre Quarters of a year in 1727
voted 00-18-0

- At a Town meeting in Topsfield April 7th 1728
 1. Dea^r John Howatt is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
 ing
 2. Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e
 Town Agreeable to y^e Precept lately sent to y^e selectmen
 voted
 3. The second & third Petitioners or Articles is y^e appli-
 cation for the warning this Meeting were brought under
 Consideration in order; and after Considerable Debate had
 thereupon they past a vote upon each of them in order to
 dismiss them as not thinking it Convenient to act anything
 upon them
 4. The Town Agreed to give to the Reverend Mr Jacob
 Elliot one hundred Pounds in Bill of Credit toward his set-
 tlement & for his Encouragement to settle with us in y^e Min-
 istry to be paid as the Town & Mr Elliot shall agree it sh^d
 Mr Elliot shall be Ordain^d & settled in y^e ministry in Top-
 sfield
 5. Mr Nathaniel Averill Mr Elisha Perkins & Mr John
 Wilds are Chosen a Committee to Adjust Accounts with y^e
 Reverend Mr Jacob Elliot for his past service in y^e work of
 y^e Ministry amongst us and also to Desist^d Mr Elliot to
 give or send his Answer to y^e Town in full Referring to his
 settling with us in the Ministry in Topsfield
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 y^e Found^d if repairing will doe; but if not they are to Build
 & make a good sufficient pond that will Answer y^e Law
 voted
 7. The Town Allowed six shillings to Eben^r Nichols for
 warning Two town meetings in 1728
 8. The Town allowed Eighteen shillings to Jan Clark for
 sweeping the meeting house the Quarters of a year in 1727
 voted 20-15-0
- This is True Copy of the Notation Avest Jacob Per-
 body Town Clerk
- Joseph Dorman Constable
 for Topsfield
- Amos Dorman
 Zachary Gould
 Nathaniel Dorman
 Will^m Reddington
 Selectmen of Topsfield
- Dec^r Topsfield April 7th 1728

To Mr Joseph Dorman Constable of Topsfield you are hereby Required in his Majesties Name to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants on y^e north side of the River in Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as the Law directs To Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Munday y^e sixth day of May Currant at two of y^e Clock on s^d day afternoon

1 To Receive Mr Jacob Eliots Answer to the Town

2ly To see If the Town will see Cause to Choose a Committe to Inform M^r Bezabeel Tappan that he has a Call to y^e work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield: By the Church and a Concurrence by y^e Town And to see what the Town will give him for his sallary & settlement if he sees Cause to take up with us to settle here in y^e work of y^e Ministry: but if y^e s^d Mr Tappan dont see Cause take up with us

To Give the same Committe Power to supply the Pulpit some other way as the Town may think best: or if y^e town dont see Cause to send to y^e s^d Mr Tappan then to Choose a Committe to supply y^e Pulpit as y^e Town shall Agree

3 To Allow Bills of Charge fail not to make Return of your doing at time & pl

Dat^d Topsfield May y^e 4th 1728

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Nath^l Borman

William Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

A proper Return was made & the Inhabitants on y^e south side of y^e River being likewise warn^d the meeting was as follows

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 6th 1728

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

voted

2 The Town agreed that y^e answer which Mr Jacob Eliot has sent to y^e Town this Day shall be Entred in y^e Town Book

voted

3 The Town past a Vote to Manifest their minds for Mr Tappan to be our minister by Proxse

voted

4 The Town having brought in their Proxse it Appeared that y^e s^d Mr Tappan had a great Majority of votes

5 En^s Amos Dorman Mr Nath^l Borman & Mr Elisha Perkins are Chosen a Committe to Inform the Reverend Mr

To Mr Joseph Dorman Constable of Topsfield you are hereby Requested in his Majesties Name to Warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants on y^e north side of the River in Topsfield such as are Qualified for voting as the Law directs To Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Monday y^e sixth day of May Current at two of y^e Clock on y^e day afternoon

1 To Receive Mr Jacob Elliot Answer to the Town
2 To see if the Town will see Cause to Choose a Committee to Inform Mr Richard Tappan that he has a Call to y^e work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield; By the Church and a Committee by y^e Town And to see what the Town will give him for his salary & settlement if he sees Cause to take up with us to settle here in y^e work of y^e Ministry; but if y^e Mr Tappan dont see Cause take up with us

To Give the same Committee Power to supply the Parish some other way as the Town may think best; or if y^e Town dont see Cause to send to y^e Mr Tappan then to Choose a Committee to supply y^e Parish as y^e Town shall Agree

3 To Allow Bills of Charge laid out to make Return of your doing at time & pl

Done Topsfield May y^e 4th 1728
Amos Dorman
Nath^l Bowman
William Reddington
Selectmen of Topsfield

A proper Return was made & the Inhabitants on y^e south side of y^e River being likewise warn the meeting was as follows
At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield May y^e 6th 1728
1 Des^d John Howett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2 The Town agreed that y^e answer which Mr Jacob Elliot has sent to y^e Town this Day shall be Entered in y^e Town Book

3 The Town past a Vote to Manifest their minds for Mr Tappan to be our minister by Proxoe

4 The Town having brought in their Proxoe it Appeared that y^e Mr Tappan had a great Majority of votes

5 En^d Amos Dorman Mr Nath^l Bowman & Mr Elisha Perkins are Chosen a Committee to Inform the Reverend Mr

Bezaleel Tappan of y^e Town proceeding this day Referring To his being our minister & to give the sd Mr Tappan an Invitation to Preach sometime with us in Order to a Settlement in y^e work of y^e ministry In Topsfield voted

6 But in Case y^e sd Mr Tappan shall Decline Comming to Preach amongst us then s^d Committe are Impowered to provide some other Minister or Ministers to preach to and Amongst us the four Next Sabbaths voted

7 The Town allowed five pound to Mr. Tobijah Perkins for keeping Mr Eliot & horse Ten weeks in y^e winter past
voted 5 0 0

Mr Eliots Answer To the Church and Town of Topsfield.

Honored and Beloved

After a further and full Consideration of the Call you have given me to the work of the Ministry among you and all the Circumstances thereof: I Cannot see my way clear to accept it; since you were so much divided in your Choice and Remaining so or more so still; as has been Manifested in some Votes Referring thereto. In hopes therefore of greater peace, Love and Union, among yourselves I do by these presents discharge myself of the Obligations I have been under to supply your Pulpit: & shall not upon y^e Present foundation Continue my Ministerial Labours among you any Longer—so praying that you may fully unite in your Affections to one another and in such an one to be your Pastor as may through the glorious Head of Influences be a happy Instrument of Promoting Peace and Holiness Among you; I Remain a fervent Well Wisher of your Temporal and Eternal Happyness

Jacob Eliot

Boston May y^e 2^d 1728

This is a True Copy of Mr Eliots Answer to the Church & Town of Topsfield Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting as the Law Directs are hereby notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday y^e 27th Day of May Currant at one of y^e Clock on s^d day afternoon

first To see if y^e Town will see Cause to make Choice of

Resolved Japan of 7th Town proceeding this day Resolving
To his being our minister & to give the 2^d Mr. Japan an
invitation to preach sometime with us in order to a settle-
ment in 7th town of 7th ministry in Townfield.
A But in Case 7th and Mr. Japan shall decline coming to
preach amongst us then a Committee are empowered to pro-
vide some other Minister or Ministers to preach to and
Amongst us the four Next Sabbath.
The Town allowed five pounds to Mr. Tobias Perkins
for keeping Mr. Eliot & horse Ten weeks in 7th winter past.
voted 10 0
Mr. Eliot Answer To the Church and Town of Townfield.
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have given me to the work of the Ministry among you and
all the Circumstances thereof: I Cannot see my way clear to
accept it; since you were so much divided in your Choice
and Remaining so or more so still; as has been manifested
in some Votes Relating thereto. In hopes therefore of greater
peace, Love and Union, among yourselves I do by these
presents discharge myself of the Obligation I have been
under to supply your Pulpit: & shall not upon 7th present
foundation Continue my Ministerial Labours among you
any longer—so praying that you may fully unite in your
Affections to one another and in such an one to be your
Pastor as may through the glorious Word of Influence be a
happy Instrument of Promoting Peace and Holiness Among
you; I Remain a fervent Well Wisher of your Temporal and
Eternal Happiness

Jacob Eliot

Boston May 7th 1738

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Town of Townfield. Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Town-
field such as are Qualified for Voting as the Law Directs are
herby notified & warned to Assemble & meet together in 7th
Meeting house in Townfield on Wednesday 7th 22nd Day of
May Current at one of 7th Clock on 7th day afternoon
first To see if 7th Town will see Cause to make Choice of

Mr John Emerson to supply the Pulpit some time Longer in order to his settlement with us in ye work of the Ministry & to Choose a Committe to discourse with y^e sd Mr Emerson in y^e s^d affair & to make return to y^e Town if y^e Town do agree as above sd: but if y^e Town or Mr Emerson refuses then to Impower y^e same or Chuse another Committe to supply y^e Pulpit some other way as the Town shall agree

2ly To see if y^e Town will Impour y^e Com^{tee} to draw money out of y^e Town Treasury to pay y^e s^d Mr Emerson for his service with us

3 To see if y^e Town will Impower y^e former Trustees to Pay in y^e 5th part of y^e Towns Loan Money to ye Province Treasury

4 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated in Topsfield May the 24th 1728

Joseph Dorman Constable

of Topsfield

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 27th 1728
first Deaⁿ Daniel Reddington is Chosen Moderator for
this meeting

2 The Town have made Choice of the Reverend Mr John Emerson to supply the Pulpit some time Longer in order to his settlement with us in y^e work of the Ministry in Topsfield
voted

3 Deaⁿ Daniel Reddington Deaⁿ John Howlett Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Nath^l Bordman & Mr Ivory Hovey are Chosen a Committee to discourse with s^d Mr Emerson in s^d affair and if s^d Mr Emerson shall Refuse to Come as afore s^d the sd Com^{tee} are Impowered to supply the Pulpit by some other gentle^m four Sabbaths next after he so Refuses
voted

4 The Town agreed that y^e Com^{tee} viz Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Amos Dorman & Mr Nath^l Bordman are Impowered to draw money out of y^e Town Treasury to pay said Mr. Emerson for his preaching amongst us four Sabbaths
voted

5 The Town agreed & ordred that y^e former Trustees shall pay in y^e third: fift part of y^e Towns former Loan money to the Province Treasurer by y^e first of June next
voted

6 The Town Allowed to Dan Clark two shillings which

Mr John Emerson to supply the Pulpit some time longer in order to his settlement with us in ye work of the Ministry & to Choose a Committee to discourse with ye said Mr Emerson in ye said state & to make return to ye Town if ye Town do agree as above said; but if ye Town or Mr Emerson refuse then to empower ye same or Choose another Committee to supply ye Pulpit some other way as the Town shall agree

2 To see if ye Town will empower ye Com^{tee} to draw money out of ye Town Treasury to pay ye^d Mr Emerson for his service with us

3 To see if ye Town will empower ye former Trustees to pay in ye^d part of ye Town Loan Money to ye Province Treasury

4 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated in Topsfield May the 24th 1728

Amos Borman
Nathaniel Gould
William Reddington
Joseph Borman Constable
of Topsfield

Selection of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield May ye 27th 1728

1st Dec^r Daniel Reddington is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2 The Town have made Choice of the Reverend Mr John Emerson to supply the Pulpit some time longer in order to his settlement with us in ye work of the Ministry in Topsfield

3 Dec^r Daniel Reddington Dec^r John Howlett Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Nath^l Borman & Mr Ivory Hovey are Chosen a Committee to discourse with ye Mr Emerson in ye said state and if ye Mr Emerson shall Refuse to Come as above said the ad Com^{tee} are empowered to supply the Pulpit by some other gentleⁿ four Sabbaths next after he so Refuses

4 The Town agreed that ye Com^{tee} viz Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Amos Borman & Mr Nath^l Borman are empowered to draw money out of ye Town Treasury to pay said Mr Emerson for his preaching amongst us four Sabbaths

5 The Town agreed & ordered that ye former Trustees shall pay in ye third^d part of ye Town former Loan money to the Province Treasurer by ye first of June next

6 The Town Allowed to Dan Clark two shillings which

with Eighteen shillings that y^e town hath already allowed:
Makes one pound for sweeping ye meeting house three
Quarters of a year in 1727 voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops-
such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law directs are here-
by Notified & Warn^d to assemble and meet together in y^e
meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e 2nd day of July
next at 12 of y^e Clock on s^d day

1 To see if y^e Town will Choose a Com^{tee} to Provide
Quarters for Mr John Emerson and to agree with him for his
service with us in y^e future

2 To see if the Town Chuse a Com^{tee} to Joyn with Red-
ding Committe to Try if they can git a fish Course Cleared
up Ipswich River

3 To see what the Town will do Concerning the families
that Petition Not be set of to Wills hill &c.

4 to allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield June y^e: 1728

Joseph Dorman Constable
of Topsfield

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield July y^e 2nd 1728

1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Nath^l Bordman & Cap^t Joseph
Gould is Chosen Committe to provide Quarters for the Rev-
erend Mr John Emerson & Agree with him for his service in
the ministry amongst us for y^e future—Until the Town shall
otherwise agree voted

3 Mr Joseph Towne Mr John Hovey & Mr Benj^a Towne
are Chosen & Impowered A Committe to Joyn with y^e Com-
mitte y^t Redding hath Chosen to Try if they can git a fish
course clea^d up Ipswich River & y^e Town will stand by &
defend them in all their Lawfull Proseeding in: & of Pros-
ecuting the same voted

4 The Town Allowed six pound for Mr Emersons preach-
ing amongst us y^e four last Sabbaths & En^s Amos Dorman is
hereby Impowered to draw money out of the Town Treas-
urey to pay s^d Mr Emerson for sd service voted

with eighteen shillings that y^e town hath already allowed:
Makes one pound for sweeping ye meeting house three
Quarters of a year is 1737
voted

The freeholders & other inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops-
field are Qualified for Voting as the Law directs are here-
by Notified & Warned to assemble and meet together in y^e
meeting house in Topsfield on Tuesday y^e 2^d day of July
next at 12 o'Clock on y^e day

1 To see if y^e Town will Choose a Com^{tee} to Provide
Quarters for Mr John Emerson and to agree with him for his
service with us in y^e future

2 To see if the Town Choose a Com^{tee} to Join with Ned-
ding Committee to try if they can get a new Course Cleared
up Ipswich River

3 To see what the Town will do Concerning the families
that Petition Not to be set off to White Hill &c.

4 To allow bills of Charge
Dated Topsfield June 7th 1738
Joseph Dorman Constable
of Topsfield

Amos Bowman
Nathaniel Gould
Wmth Reddington
Selectmen of Topsfield
At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield July 2^d 1738
1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Mr Elias Perkins Mr Nath^l Bowman & Cap^t Joseph
Gould is Chosen Committee to provide Quarters for the Rev-
erend Mr John Emerson & Agree with him for the service in
the ministry amongst us for y^e future—Until the Town shall
otherwise agree
voted

3 Mr Joseph Towne Mr John Mosey & Mr Hen^{ry} Towne
are Chosen & Impowered A Committee to Join with y^e Com-
mittee y^e Redding hath Chosen to try if they can get a new
Course cleared up Ipswich River & y^e Town will stand by &
defend them in all their Lawfull Proceedings in & at 1738
excepting the same
voted

4 The Town Allowed six pound for Mr Emersons preach-
ing amongst us y^e four last Sabbath & for Amos Dorman is
herely Impowered to draw money out of the Town Treas-
ury to pay y^e Mr Emerson for sd service
voted

5 Mr Nath^l Bordman Mr Benj^a Towne & Mr Zacheus Gould are Chosen agents for the Town to prefer a Petition to y^e General Court at their next sessions that Mr Thomas Robinson Mr Job Averill Mr Paul Averill Mr John Comings & Mr Daniel Towne & all the Land Excluded within the following bounds May be again Laid & Restored to y^e Town of Topsfield to which they & s^d Land did formerly belong voted

The freeholders & other of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as the Law directs are hereby Notioed & warned to assemble & meet together on Tuseday y^e 23: Day of July Currant at 12 of y^e Clock on s^d day first to see if y^e Town will see Cause to Concur with the Church in giving Mr John Emerson a Call to y^e work of y^e ministry with us

2 To see what sallary & settlement y^e Town will agree to give to y^e s^d Mr Emerson for his support in y^e work of y^e Ministry with us

3 To Chuse a Committe to Inform y^e s^d Mr Emerson of y^e Towns proceeding and to Receive his answer and to make Return thereof to y^e Town at y^e next Town Meeting

4 To see if Town will Agree to Petition to y^e Great and General Court with those families that have Latly been Layd to Middleton that they may be Returned to us again

Dat^d in Topsfield July y^e 18th 1728

Joseph Dorman Constable
of Topsfield

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Nath^l Bordman

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield July:23:1728

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Where as the Church did on y^e 16th of July 1728 agree to give the Reverend Mr John Emerson a Call to settle with us in y^e work of y^e Ministry The Town do now Readily Concur therewith voted

3 The Town agreed to give to y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson one hundred pound in Bills of Publick Creditt or in such other Money as shall be Commonly Passing amongst

2 Mr Nathl Boardman Mr Benj Towne & Mr Zachary Gould are Chosen agents for the Town to present a Petition to the General Court at their next sessions that Mr Thomas Robinson Mr Jos Averill Mr Paul Ayer Mr John Cummings & Mr Daniel Towne & all the Land Excluded within the following bounds May be again Laid & Returned to the Town of Topsfield to which they & Land did formerly belong

The Freeholders & other of the Town of Topsfield each as are Qualified for voting as the Law directs are hereby Notified & warned to assemble & meet together on Tuesday 23 Day of July Current at 12 of the Clock on the day first to see if the Town will see Cause to Consent with the Church in giving Mr John Emerson a Call to the work of the Ministry with us

3 To see what salary & settlement the Town will agree to give to the Mr Emerson for his support in the work of the Ministry with us

4 To Choose a Committee to Inform the Mr Emerson of the Towns proceeding and to Receive his answer and to make Return thereof to the Town at the next Town Meeting

5 To see if the Town will Agree to Petition to the Court and General Court with those families that have formerly been Laid to Middlesex that they may be Returned to us again

Done in Topsfield July 18th 1728
Joseph Dorman Constable
Nathl Boardman
Zachary Gould
Willm Robinson
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield July 23rd 1728
1 Dea John Howler is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2 Where as the Church did on the 18th of July 1728 agree to give the Reverend Mr John Emerson a Call to settle with us in the work of the Ministry the Town do now Rejoice Consent therewith

3 The Town agreed to give to the Reverend Mr John Emerson one hundred pound in Bills of Publick Credit or in such other Money as shall be Commonly passing amongst

us: for his sallary to support him in y^e work of the Ministry amongst us s^d hundred pound to be paid yearly & Every year so long as he shall Continue his Ministry amongst us, and also the Improvement of the Parsonage land in Topsfield during y^e s^d Term voted

4 The Town Agreed to give the Reverend Mr John Emerson Two hundred pounds in Bills of Creditt for his Encouragement to settle with us in y^e work of the Ministry voted

Nath^l Porter Entred his Contrary dissent to y^e two Last votes above Entred

5 Mr Elisha Perkins Mr Jacob Towne & David Balch are Chosen a Com^{tee} (to Joyn with the Committe which y^e Church hath already Chosen) to give y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson a Call in behalf of y^e Town to settle with us in y^e work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield & s^d Committe which y^e Town hath now Chosen are to Receive Mr Emersons Answer to s^d Call and make Return thereof to the Town at y^e next Town meeting voted

6 Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr Nath^l Bordman are Chosen agents for y^e Town to Prefer a petition to y^e General Court at their next sessions that Job Averill Paul Averill Daniel Towne & John Commings with all y^e Lands Enclused within the following bounds (may be again Laid to Topsfield to which they & s^d Lands Did formerly belong) viz Beginning at Daniel Townes Corner Bound at Nickolses Brook & so enclusing s^d Towns Land to Comminges Land & so by Commingses Land to Ipswich Chosen Consistible for A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z. voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as y^e Law Directs are hereby Notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the seventeenth day of September Currant at Twelve of y^e Clock on s^d day

first to Receive y^e Reverend Mr John Emersons Answer to y^e Town by ye Committe that was Chosen for y^t Purpose

2ly To Choose a Committe to make up Accumpts with y^e s^d Mr Emerson for the time past

3ly To see if y^e Town will agree to state a time when y^e s^d Mr Emersons yearly sallary will begin and how it shall be paid

us: for his salary to support him in y^e work of the Ministry amongst us & limited pound to be paid yearly & Every year so long as he shall Continue his Ministry amongst us and also the Improvement of the Parsonage land in Topsfield during y^e 2^d Term

A The Town Agreed to give the Reverend Mr John Emerson Two hundred pounds in Bill of Credit for his Economy agreement to settle with us in y^e work of the Ministry voted Nath^l Porter Entand his Contrary dissent to y^e two last votes above Entand

2 Mr Ebenezer Perkins Mr Jacob Towne & David Hatch are Chosen a Com^{tee} (to join with the Committee which y^e Church hath already Chosen) to give y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson a Call in behalf of y^e Town to settle with us in y^e work of y^e Ministry in Topsfield & 2^d Committee which y^e Town hath now Chosen are to Receive Mr Emersons Answer to y^e Call and make Return thereof to the Town at y^e next Town meeting voted

3 Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr Nath^l Borden are Chosen agents for y^e Town to Petter a petition to y^e General Court at their next sessions that Job Averill Paul Averill David Towne & John Cummings with all y^e Lands Entanded within the following bounds (may be again laid to Topsfield to which they & 2^d Lands did formerly belong) viz beginning at Land Toward Corner Road at Nicholas Brook & so including 2^d Towns Land to Cummings Land & so by Cummings Land to Ipswich voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting as y^e Law Directs are hereby Notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuesday the seventeenth day of September Current at Twelve of y^e Clock on 2^d day first to Receive y^e Reverend Mr John Emersons Answer to y^e Town by y^e Committee that was Chosen for y^e purpose 2^{ly} To Chose a Committee to make up Accounts with y^e 2^d Mr Emerson for the time past

3^{ly} To see if y^e Town will agree to take a time when y^e 2^d Mr Emersons yearly salary will be paid and how it shall be paid

4ly To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court According to Warrant

5ly To Choose a Constable for y^e south side of y^e River

6ly To see if y^e Town will take any further Care about Rebuilding y^e pound

Dated in Topsfield September

y^e 12th 1728

Joseph Dorman Constable
of Topsfield

Amos Dorman

Zacheus Gould

Nath^l Bordman

Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield September y^e 17th 1728

1 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town Agreed to Receive & accept of y^e Reverend Mr John Emersons Answer that was brought to y^e Town this day
voted

3 The Town agreed that the Reverend Mr John Emersons yearly sallary for his ministry amongst us shall begin on y^e second day of September Currant & y^e one half of s^d yearly sallary shall be paid on or before the second day of September next following & so yearly
voted

4 Luke Averill & Samuel Bradstreet are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e next Inferior Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

5 Samuel Curtis is Chosen Constable for this year En- suing until the Annual Town Meeting in March Next
voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops- field such as are Quailified for voting as y^e Law Directs Are hereby Notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Thursday the 24 day of Octo- ber Currant at Eight of y^e Clock on s^d day

first To see if the Town will Concur with y^e Church as to y^e day Appointed for y^e Ordination of y^e reverend Mr John Emerson to y^e work of ministry Amongst us

2 To see what Method y^e Town will take to make neces- sary provision for y^e s^d Ordination and to Chuse a Committe and Impower them to take care of sd business

By To Choose Jurymen for Newbury Court According to Warrant

By To Choose a Constable for y^e south side of y^e River
By To see if y^e Town will take any further Care about

Rebelling y^e pound
Dated in Topsfield September
y^e 12th 1728
Joseph Dornan Constable
of Topsfield
Amos Dornan
Nath^l Dornan
William Roddington
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield September y^e 12th 1728

1 Mr Nathans Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2 The Town Agreed to Receive & accept of y^e Reverend

Mr John Emersons Answer that was brought to y^e Town this

3 The Town agreed that the Reverend Mr John Emerson

shall yearly salary for his ministry amongst us shall begin

on y^e second day of September Current & y^e one half of y^e

yearly salary shall be paid on or before the second day of

September next following & so yearly

4 Luke Averill & Samuel Bradstreet are Chosen to give

on y^e day of Trials at y^e next Inferior Court to be holden

at Newbury

5 Samuel Curtis is Chosen Constable for this year En-

ding until the Annual Town Meeting in March Next voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Top-

field such as are Qualified for voting as y^e Law Directs Are

hereby Notified & warn'd to Assemble & meet together in y^e

Meeting house in Topsfield on Thursday the 23 day of Octo-

ber Current at Eight of y^e Clock on y^e day

first To see if the Town will Consent with y^e Church as to

y^e day Appointed for y^e Ordination of y^e Reverend Mr John

Emerson to y^e work of ministry Amongst us

2 To see what Method y^e Town will take to make more

early provision for y^e Ordination and to Chuse a Committee

and empower them to take care of sd business

3 To see if y^e Town will Raise any money to defray Town Charges

Amos Dorman

Dated in Topsfield October y^e 17th 1728 Zacheus Gould

Joseph Dorman Coustable of Topsfield Will^m Reddington

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield y^e 24: 1728

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Whereas the Church have agreed to have y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson Ordained on y^e Last Wednesday of November Next Ensuing the Town doe now Concur therewith

voted

3 Mr Ivory Hovey Mr Zacheus Gould Mr Nath^l Bordman Mr Amos Dorman & Mr John Willdes are Chosen a Comite to Provide houses and to take Care that suitable provision be made at them for said Ordination

voted

4 The Town agreed the present selectmen shall Levey a Tax of fifty pound (besides Mr Emersons sallary) to Defray town charges

voted

Mr Daniel Clark Enters his Contrary Dissent to all the towns Votes Refering to the Ordination of y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson

Honoured and Beloved

Forasmuch as it has Pleased y^e Lord Jesus Christ the glorious head of the Church; whose I am and whom I desire to serve to incline your minds to give me an Invitation to fix among you in y^e very awfull & important work of y^e Ministry: I have since taken this great affair into serious Consideration I have also advised with Reverend Elders in y^e Vicinity: and above all have Earnestly applied myself to y^e wonderfull Counsellour, that my way in this Monenteous Article may be made Plain before my face: and now after all I find my heart disposed to Embrace your Call; tho at y^e same time when I consider y^e Great Difficulty, the Vast Importance & awfull Solemnity of y^e work; to which you have Called me and my own Weakness & Insufficiency, my youth, want of Experience &c—When I Reflect upon these things I am ready to faint & be discouraged and sigh out the words of y^e Prophet ah LORD GOD I cannot speak for I am a

3 To see if y^e Town will Raise any money to delay Town
Charges
Dated in Topsfield October 7th 1738 Zachus Gould
Joseph Dorman Constable of Topsfield Will^m Reddington
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield 7th 1738
1 Deaⁿ John Howel is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted
2 Whereas the Church have agreed to have y^e Reverend
Mr John Emerson Ordained on y^e Last Wednesday of Nov-
ember Next Raising the Town doe now Consent therewith
voted

3 Mr Ivory Hovey Mr Zachus Gould Mr Nath^l Dorman
Mr Amos Dorman & Mr John Wildes are Chosen a Com-
mittee to Provide houses and to take Care that suitable provi-
sion be made at them for said Ordination
voted

4 The Town agreed the present selectmen shall Levy a
Tax of fifty pound (besides Mr Emersons salary) to Delay
Town charges
voted
Mr Daniel Clark Enters his Contrary Dissent to all the
Towns Votes Relating to the Ordination of y^e Reverend Mr
John Emerson

Honoured and Beloved
Forasmuch as it has pleased y^e Lord Jesus Christ the glori-
ous head of the Church; whose I am and whom I desire to
serve to incline your minds to give me an invitation to ex-
among you in y^e very awful & important work of y^e Minis-
try; I have since taken this great affair into serious Consider-
ation I have also advised with Reverend Elders in y^e Vicinity;
and above all have Earnestly applied myself to y^e wonderful
Counsellour, that my way in this hazardous Article may
be made Plain before my face; and now after all I find my
heart disposed to Embrace your Call; tho' at y^e same time
when I consider y^e Great Difficulty, the Vast Importance &
awful Solemnity of y^e work; to which you have Called me
and my own Weakness & Insufficiency, my youth, want of
Experience &c.—When I reflect upon these things I am
ready to faint & be discouraged and sigh out the words of
y^e Prophet sh^d LORD GOD I cannot speak for I am a

childe:—and to address y^e Lord in y^e words of Moses O My LORD send I pray thee by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. But then, when I Consider y^e Alsufficiency of CHRIST who (I trust) has Called me to this work: & who has Graciously Promised to be with his Ministers to y^e End of ye world; when I consider also your unanimity in y^e Call which you have given me; and further when I Consider the Effectual fervent prayers with which (I trust) you will wrastle with y^e God of Jacob on my behalf: These Considerations seem to Raise my sinking spirits to Answer my Objections and Constrain me to offer myself with y^e Evangelical Prophet here am I send me:—As to what you have Offered me for my outward Support I thankfully Accept it: And inasmuch as tis my principle (and I hope my practice will not be inconsistent) That a Minister of y^e Gospel shoul^d not intangle Himself in y^e Affairs of this Life but give himself wholly to his Proper work and Business: I therefore Cannot but hope that you will freely Minister as there shall be Occasion to my Necessity & for my Comfort: If I know my own heart tis with this special view that I Desire to reap of your Carnall things, that so I may attend upon y^e Business to which you have Called me without Distraction; and be y^e better inabled to minister unto you Spiritual things, for I trust I can say with y^e Apostle I seek not yours but you, and am willing to spend & be spent in your service. And now I beseech you brethren for y^e Lord Jesus Christs Sake and for y^e Love of y^e spirit that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me that I may be prepared to receive the Awfull Charge of your souls which may in y^e most solemn manner be given to me—that I may be more & more furnished for, disposed to, Assisted & encouraged in the great work of y^e gospel ministry Amongst you—that I may from time to time Come to you in y^e fullness of y^e Blessing of the Gospel of Christ & be made a rich & Lasting Blessing to you & yours: And that you & your Children may be made Comforte to me here, and a Crown of Rejoycing in that Day: when our Lord shall Come to be Glorified in his Saints and Admired by all them that believe

In y^e Meeting house in Topfield on Wednesday y^e 18th of December Current at 12 of y^e Clock on said day

children:—and to address y^e Lord in y^e words of Moses O
 My LORD send I pray thee by the hand of him whom
 thou wilt send. But then, when I consider y^e Absence
 of CHRIST who (I trust) has Called me to this work: &
 who has Graciously Promised to be with his Ministers in y^e
 land of ye world; when I consider also your unanimity in
 y^e Call which you have given me; and further when I Con-
 sider the Effectual fervent prayers with which (I trust) you
 will wrestle with y^e God of Jacob on my behalf: These
 Considerations seem to Raise my sinking spirits to A-
 new my Objections and Constraints me to offer myself with y^e
 Evangelical Prophet here and I send me:—As to what you
 have Offered me for my outward Support I thankfully
 Accept it: And inasmuch as tis my principle (and I hope
 my practice will not be inconsistent) That a Minister of y^e
 Gospel should not intangle himself in y^e Affairs of this life
 but give himself wholly to his proper work and business: I
 therefore Cannot but hope that you will freely Minister as
 there shall be Occasion to my Necessity & for my Comfort:
 If I know my own heart tis with this special view that I De-
 sire to reap of your Carnal things that so I may stand
 upon y^e business to which you have Called me without Dis-
 traction; and be y^e better enabled to minister unto you
 Spiritual things, for I trust I can say with y^e Apostle I seek
 not yours but your and am willing to spend & be spent in
 your service. And now I beseech you brethren for y^e Lord
 Jesus Christ's Sake and for y^e Love of y^e spirit that ye strive
 together with me in your prayers to God for me that I
 may be prepared to receive the Angel's Charge of your souls
 which may in y^e most solemn manner be given to me—that
 I may be more & more furnished for, disposed to, Assisted
 & encouraged in the great work of y^e Gospel ministry
 amongst you—that I may from time to time Come to you
 in y^e fullness of y^e Blessing of the Gospel of Christ & be
 made a rich & lasting Blessing to you & yours: And that
 you & your Children may be made Comforted to me here
 and a Cause of Rejoicing in that Day: when our Lord
 shall Come to be Glorified in his Saints and Admired by all
 them that believe

With these Earnest Desires I subscribe myself yours to serve in y^e gospell

John Emerson

This is A True Copy of Mr Emersons answer to y^e Church & Town of Topsfield Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At a Church Meeting in Topsfield October y^e 15th 1728

The Church agreed to have y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson ordained as soon as may be Conveniently Provided he will Consent to Rule in y^e Church according to y^e Platform of Church Discipline agreed upon by the Synod Conven^d at Cambridge in 1648

voted

This is A True Copy of y^e Churches Vote: Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

To the Church of Topsfield Gentlemen This may serve to Certifie & assure you that in y^e Government & Discipline y^t I shall Exercise: I shall by y^e Grace of God Endeavor as much as possible to Conform myself to y^e infallible Rule of y^e word of God aud also to y^e Platform of our Church Discipline agreed upon by y^e Synod Conven^d at Cambridge in y^e year 1648

as witness my hand

John Emerson

This is A True Copy of Mr Emersons Answer to y^e Church in Reference to y^e above written note: Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The above written vote of y^e Church and Mr Emersons answer to it: were Entered in this Book that they may not be Lost; but remain to after generations.

October 11th 1728 Received of Mr Elisha Perkins & Mr Nath^l Bordman Commite for y^e Town of Topsfield: y^e Sum of thirteen pounds Ten shillings for My Preaching in s^d Town untill y^e second day of Sep^r 1728 John Emerson 13:10:00

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

By Vertue of a Warrant from y^e Selectmen of Topsfield The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as y^e Law directs Are hereby Notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday y^e 18th Day of December Currant at 12 of y^e Clock on said day

With these Earnest Desires I subscribe myself yours to
serve in y^e Gospel

John Emerson
This is A True Copy of Mr Emersons answer to y^e Church
& Town of Topsfield. Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At a Church Meeting in Topsfield October 15th 1738
The Church agreed to have y^e Reverend Mr John Emers-
son ordained as soon as may be Conveniently. Provided he
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y^e word of God and also to y^e Platform of our Church Dis-
cipline agreed upon by y^e Synod Convened at Cambridge in
y^e year 1648

John Emerson as witness my hand
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body Town Clerk

The above written vote of y^e Church and Mr Emersons
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be Lost; but remain to after generations.
October 11th 1738 Received of Mr Nathl Perkins & Mr
Nathl Bordman Committee for y^e Town of Topsfield: y^e Sum
of thirteen pounds Ten shillings for My Preaching in y^e Town
until y^e second day of Sep^r 1738 John Emerson 13:10:00
A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

By Virtue of a Warrant from y^e Selectmen of Topsfield
The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Top-
sfield such as are Qualified for Voting as y^e Law directs
Are hereby Notified & warn^d to Assemble & meet together
in y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday y^e 12th Day
of December Current at 12 of y^e Clock on said day

To see if the Town will agree to or give order for y^e Raising any more money to Defray Town Charges: And to Allow Bills of Charge: And to see if y^e Town will Choose anybody to take Care of y^e widow Mary Averill &c

Dat^d in Topsfield December y^e 11th 1728 Joseph Dorman Constable of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield December y^e 18th 1728

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town Allowed Thirty Eight pounds Eight shillings 38 08 00 To the Committe that were Chosen to provide for y^e ordination of Mr Emerson namely Amos Dorman Zacheus Gould Ivory Hovey & John Willdes; for what they have been out for s^d ordination besides there time
voted

And then the Town Meeting was adjourn^d untill y^e 24th Day of Decem^r Currant At one of clock afternoon

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield begun & held on y^e 18th of Decem^r 1728 And adjorn^d untill y^e 24th Day of Decem^r Currant And then Met

The Town Allowed four pound to En^s Amos Dorman for Diating Mr Emerson sixteen weeks in th[e] summer past
voted 4 0 0

2 The Town Allowed Ten pound fourteen shillings & six pence To Cap^t Joseph Gould for plank to Cover the Town bridge over y^e River And for gitting & Carting y^e sd Plank in y^e Summer past
voted 10 14 6

3 The Town Allowed thirteen shillings & Eight pence to Stephen Johnson for mending the meeting house in November 1728
voted 00 13 8

4 The Town Allowed three shillings To Deaⁿ John Howlett for Timber to Mend y^e bridge near his house in summer past
voted 00 3 0

5 The Town Allowed two shillings to Tobijah Perkins for a string piece to Mend y^e bridge by Deaⁿ Howletts in Summer past
voted 00 2 0

6 The Town Allowed six shillings & two pence to Nath^l Averill for two string pieces & Eight slabs to mend Mile Brook bridge in 1728
voted 00 6 2

brook bridge in 1738
 6 The Town Allowed six shillings & two pence to Nathl
 Averill for two string pieces & eight staves to mend the
 a string piece to Mend y^e bridge by Dea^r Howells in sum-
 mer past voted 00 2 0
 5 The Town Allowed two shillings to Tobiah Perkins for
 past voted 00 2 0
 left for Timber to Mend y^e bridge near his house in summer
 4 The Town Allowed three shillings To Dea^r John How-
 1738 voted 00 3 8
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 3 The Town Allowed thirteen shillings & eight pence to
 in y^e summer past voted 10 14 0
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 pence To Cap^t Joseph Gould for plank to Cover the Town
 2 The Town Allowed Ten pound fourteen shillings & six
 voted 4 0 0
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 The Town Allowed four pound to E^t Aaron Dorman for
 Decem^r Current And then Met
 y^e 18th of Decem^r 1738 And adjourn'd until y^e 24th Day of
 At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield began & held on
 Day of Decem^r Current At one o'clock afternoon
 And then the Town Meeting was adjourn'd until y^e 24th
 been out for y^e ordination besides these times voted
 Gould Ivory Hovey & John Willdes; for what they have
 y^e ordination of Mr Emerson namely Amos Dorman Zachus
 38 00 To the Committee that were Chosen to provide for
 2 The Town Allowed Thirty Eight pounds Eight shillings
 ing
 1 Dea^r John Howells is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
 18th 1738
 At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield December y^e
 Constable of Topsfield
 18th in Topsfield December y^e 11th 1738 Joseph Dorman
 to take Care of y^e widow Mary Averill &c
 Bills of Charge: And to see if y^e Town will Choose anybody
 ing any more money to Deliver Town Charges: And to Allow
 To see if the Town will agree to or give order for y^e Rail-

7 The Town Allowed one pound to Jacob Dorman for keeping y^e widow Mary Averill three weeks in y^e Last summer past voted 01 00 0

8 The Town allowed one pound Ten shillings to Ivory Hovey he haveing Expended so much on y^e widow Mary Averill in her Late sickness at y^e wido: Dormans 01 10 0

9 The Town Made Choice of Mr Nath^l Bordman & Mr John Willdes to Petition to y^e next sessions of the peace to be holden at Salem for some Allowance or help towards the Repairing y^e bridge over y^e River in Topsfield voted

10 M^r Eliezer Lake & Mr Thomas Dwinel are Chosen to take Care of the widow Mary Averill voted

11 The Town Made Choice of M^r David Balch To Take Care of the Towns Plank & other Timber which now Lyes by y^e Town bridge (so called) and to keep the same till further order from y^e town voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law directs are hereby Notified and warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e fourth day of March Ensuing at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning on sd day first To Choice Town Officers

2ly To order a highway to be Lay^d out to Boxford Line Convenient for passing from Topsfield meeting house to Boxford meeting house

3 To see how the Town will Dispose of y^e interest of y^e Loan money and to accompt with y^e Trustees: and to Choose another Trustee in y^e Room of En^s Amos Dorman Late Deceased

4 To see if y^e [Town] will Lay out a highway for Edmond Towne from his house to y^e town bridge

5 To see if y^e Town will see cause to alter y^e way that goeth through Jacob Reddingtons Land or to see if they will accept of y^e Committees return y^t was formerly Employe^d in s^d service

5 To see what Improvement y^e Town will Put y^e money too which is allowed us by y^e Quarter sessions toward Repairing our Town bridge

7 To see what y^e Town will doe Concerning fencing y^e Parsonage

7 The Town Allowed one pound to Jacob Dorman for keeping y^e widow Mary Averill three weeks in y^e last summer past voted 60 0

8 The Town allowed one pound Ten shillings to Ivory Hovey for having Expended so much on y^e widow Mary Averill in her late sickness at y^e widow Dorman's of 10 0

9 The Town Made Choice of Mr Nath^l Dorman & Mr John Willard to Petition to y^e next sessions of the peace to be holden at Salem for some Allowance or help towards the Repairing y^e bridge over y^e River in Topsfield voted

10 Mr Elisha Lake & Mr Thomas Dwyer are Chosen to take Care of the widow Mary Averill voted

11 The Town Made Choice of Mr David Balch To Take Care of the Towns Plank & other Timber which now Lies by y^e Town bridge (as called) and to keep the same till further order from y^e town voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting as the Law directs are hereby Notified and warn^d to Assemble & meet together in y^e meeting house in Topsfield on Tuesday y^e fourth day of March ensuing at Eight of y^e Clock in y^e morning on sd day first the Choice Town Officers

2 To order a highway to be lay^d out to Hoxford Line Convenient for passing from Topsfield meeting house to Hoxford meeting house

3 To see how the Town will Dispose of y^e interest of y^e Loan money and to accompt with y^e Trustees and to Choose another Trustee in y^e Room of En^o Amos Dorman late Deceased

4 To see if y^e [Town] will Lay out a highway for Edmond Towne from his house to y^e town bridge

5 To see if y^e Town will see cause to alter y^e way that goeth through Jacob Reddingtons Land or to see if they will accept of y^e Committees return y^e was formerly Impley^d in y^e service

6 To see what Improvement y^e Town will put y^e money too which is allowed us by y^e Quarter sessions towards Repairing our Town bridge

7 To see what y^e Town will doe Concerning leasing y^e Parsonage

8ly To see if y^e Town will see cause to try to have some of our Neighbours belonging to Ipswich farms to be Lay^d to us, Either as to parrish or Township

9 To see if y^e Town will agree to order some other Method to warn Town meetings

10 To see if y^e Town will Chuse a Com^{tee} to Discourse with y^e Reverend mr John Emerson to see if he will Preach a Monthly Lecture to us

11 To Chuse overseers of y^e Poor

12 to allow bills of Charge

Dated in Topsfield february 17th 1728-9

Joseph Dorman Constable
of Topsfield

By order of y^e
Selectmen of
Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 4th 1728-9

first Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Joshua Towne & Richard Towne are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

4 Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 Mr Joseph Bordman & Mr Thomas Gould are Chosen overseers of y^e Poor y^e year Ensuing voted

6 Deaⁿ John Howlett, Benjamin Towne, Eliezer Lake, David Balch & Jacob Peabody are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

7 Corp^l Joseph Towne John Prichard Ju^r & Daniel Reddington Ju^r are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

8 Mr John Hovey is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing voted

9 Jesse Dorman Aaron Estey & Jonathan Perkins are Chosen Surveyors of highways for the year Ensuing voted

10 Cap^t Joseph Gould & Daniel Gould are Chosen field Drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 Isaac Peabody & Jacob Perkins Jun^r are Chosen fence viewers for the year Ensuing voted

8ly To see if y^e Town will see cause to try to have some
of our Neighbors belonging to Ipswich farms to be lay^d to
us, either as to parish or Township
9 To see if y^e Town will agree to order some other Mith-
od to wait Town meetings
10 To see if y^e Town will Choose a Com^{rs} to Disburse
with y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson to see if he will Teach
a Monthly Lecture to us

11 To Chose overseers of y^e Poor
12 To allow bills of Charge
13 Dated in Topsfield February 19th 1722-3 By order of y^e
Selectmen of
Topsfield Joseph Newman Constable
of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March 7th 1722-3

First Dec^r John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this
meeting
2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year En-
suing
3 Joshua Towne & Richard Towne are Chosen Constables
for y^e year ensuing
4 Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year En-
suing
5 Mr Joseph Bowman & Mr Thomas Gould are Chosen
overseers of y^e Poor y^e year ensuing
6 Dec^r John Howlett Benjamin Towne, Eliezer Lake,
David Hatch & Jacob Peabody are Chosen Selectmen for y^e
year ensuing
7 Corp^s Joseph Towne John Prichard Jr & Daniel Red-
dington Jr are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year ensuing
8 Mr John Hovey is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year
ensuing
9 Jesse Bowman Aaron Estey & Jonathan Perkins are
Chosen Surveyors of highways for the year ensuing
10 Cap^t Joseph Gould & Daniel Gould are Chosen field
Drivers for y^e year ensuing
11 Isaac Peabody & Jacob Perkins Jun^r are Chosen fence
viewers for the year ensuing

12 John Towne & David Commings are Chosen Hogreeves
for y^e year Ensuing voted

13 William Reddington is Chosen schoolmaster for y^e year
Ensuing voted

14 The Town agreed y^t y^e money which y^e Court allowed
towards y^e repairing the Town Bridge & y^e intrest of y^e
Towns former Loan Money shall go to pay Town Debts
And the selectmen are hereby ordered to Receive y^e s^d
intrest money of y^e Trustees & to Deliver the same to y^e
Town Treasurer & Mr John Willdes who had order from y^e
Selectmen to Receive y^e money y^t y^e Court allowed as
afores^d & is hereby ordered to pay in y^e same to y^e Town
Treasurer: for y^e use aforesaid voted

15 Mr Tobijah Perkins is Chosen a Trustee in y^e room of
En^s Amos Dorman Des^d voted

And then y^e meeting was adjorn untill Tuseday y^e Eleventh
Currant at Twelve of a Clock

A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield (held by adjourn-
ment) on y^e 11th of March 1828-9

16 Quarter^{msr} Nath^{ll} Bordman Docter Michael Dwinel &
Mr John Curtis are Chosen & Desired to go & discourse with
En^s Thomas Tarbox: Mr John Got & Mr Samuel Gott (all
of Wenham) Concerning y^e way which Leads from y^e Town
bridge through their Lotts to see if they will give Liberty of
a Convenient way for y^e Neighbours to go through said
Lotts voted

17 Quarter^{mr} Nath^{ll} Bordman Mr Eliezer Lake & Mr To-
bijah Perkins are Chosen a Committee to view y^e way that
Leads through Jacob Reddingtons Land in order to turn it
Giving Notice to all parties Concern^d to meet them at y^e Place
& s^d Committe are hereby fully Impowered to Lay out a
way as far as s^d Redingtons Land goes where they in their
Judgement shall think most Convenient for y^e Town & y^e
Proprietors Concern^d & the Neighbours that have most need
of s^d way voted

18 Mr Jacob Estey is Chosen to serve on y^e Grand Jury
for y^e year Ensuing voted

19 Daniel Gould & Thomas Dwinel are Chosen to serve
on y^e Jury of Tryals at y^e next Inferior Court to be holden
at Ipswich within & for y^e County of Essex voted

12 John Towne & David Cummings are Chosen Highways for 7th year Ending
 13 William Redington is Chosen schoolmaster for 7th year Ending
 14 The Town agreed 7th money which 7th Court allowed towards 7th repairing the Town Bridge & 7th interest of 7th Towns former Loan Money shall go to pay Town Debts And the selectmen are hereby ordered to Receive 7th interest money of 7th Trustees & to Deliver the same to 7th Town Treasurer & Mr John Willdes who had order from 7th Selectmen to Receive 7th money 7th Court allowed as aforesaid & is hereby ordered to pay in 7th same to 7th Town Treasurer: for 7th use aforesaid
 15 Mr Tobias Perkins is Chosen a Trustee in 7th room of En^{rs} Amos Borman Dec^r
 And then 7th meeting was adjourn until Tuesday 7th Eleventh Current at Twelve of a Clock

A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield (held by adjournment) on 7th 11th of March 1838-9
 16 Quarter^{men} Nath^l Borman Docter Michael Dwinel & Mr John Curtis are Chosen & Desired to go & discourse with En^{rs} Thomas Tarbox: Mr John Got & Mr Samuel Gott (all of Wenham) Concerning 7th way which Leads from 7th Town bridge through their Lots to see if they will give Liberty of a Convenient way for 7th Neighbours to go through said Lots
 17 Quarter^{men} Nath^l Borman Mr Elizer Lake & Mr Tobias Perkins are Chosen a Committee to view 7th way that Leads through Jacob Redingtons Land in order to turn it Giving Notice to all parties Concerned to meet them at 7th Place & 7th Committee are hereby fully Impowered to Lay out a way as far as 7th Redingtons Land goes where they in their judgement shall think most Convenient for 7th Town & 7th Proprietors Concerned & the Neighbours that have most need of 7th way
 18 Mr Jacob Estey is Chosen to serve on 7th Grand Jury for 7th year Ending
 19 Daniel Gould & Thomas Dwinel are Chosen to serve on 7th Jury at Trials at 7th next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich within & for 7th County of Essex

20 The Town Manifested by a vote that they were willing & desirous that our Neighbours belonging to Ipswich farms should be Laid to Topsfield as a Township voted

21 Deaⁿ John Howlet Mr Nathanill & M^r William Redington are Chosen a Committe to discourse our s^d neighbours about y^e affair to see if they will Joyn with Topsfield in Trying to be set off to us as afore sd voted

22 The Town agreed to fence in y^e Parsonage Land in Topsfield by way of a Rate And Mr Eliezer Lake is Chosen to make up y^e sd Parsonage fence by y^e Last Day of May Next Ensuing to make some wall & some Railfence as he shall Judge Most Beneficial voted

23 Cler. Elisha Perkins Mr Ivory Hovey & Mr Jacob Estey are Chosen a Committe to discourse with y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson to see if he will Please to Preach a Monthly Lecture to us & sd Committe are to return his answer to the Town at y^e next Town meeting voted

24 The Town allowed to Thomas Dwinel one pound fifteen shillings for keeping y^e widow Mary Averil seven weeks in y^e winter past voted 01 15 0

25 The Town allowed to y^e widow Deborah Dorman & Jacob Byxbe fifteen shillings for keeping y^e widow Mary Averill six weeks in y^e begining of y^e winter past: they having had thirty shillings of Serg^t hovey for sd service

voted 0 15 0

26 The Town Allowed to Nath^l Capen five shillings for Cullouring the pulpit before Ordination of Mr Emerson

voted 0 5 0

27 The Town Allowed to Richard Towne Twenty shillings for serving Schoolmaster y^e Last year voted 1 0 0

All the Town officers y^t were Chosen for y^e year Ensuing of whom an oath is by Law Required were all sworn before y^e selectmen on y^e 4th & on y^e 11 day of March 1728-9 Entered by order of y^e selectmen: Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At the above said Town meeting March 11th 1728 9 Nathaniel Averill Jun^r & Eliezer Lake are Chosen to finde the bounds & straiten y^e Lines of y^e parsonage Land in Topsfield in order to fence it as above said voted

20 The Town Manifested by a vote that they were willing
 & desirous that our Neighbors belonging to Ipswich Farms
 should be laid to Topsfield as a Township
 21 Elected John Howler Mr Nathaniel & Mr William Red-
 ington are Chosen a Committee to discourse with the neigh-
 bors about the matter to see if they will join with Topsfield
 in trying to be set off to us as above said
 22 The Town agreed to fence in the Personage Land in
 Topsfield by way of a Kate And Mr Hester Lake is Chosen
 to make up the said Personage fence by the last Day of May
 Next Enjoining to make some wall & some Hedges as he
 shall Judge Most Beneficial
 23 Chosen Peliah Perkins Mr Leary Hovey & Mr Jacob Es-
 sey are Chosen a Committee to discourse with the Reverend
 Mr John Emerson to see if he will please to preach a Monthly
 Lecture to us & sd Committee are to return his answer to the
 Town at the next Town meeting
 24 The Town allowed to Thomas Dwyer one pound fifteen
 shillings for keeping the widow Mary Averil seven weeks in
 the winter past
 25 The Town allowed to the widow Deborah Darnan &
 Jacob Hyde fifteen shillings for keeping the widow Mary
 Averil six weeks in the beginning of the winter past; they hav-
 ing had thirty shillings of Sarg. Hovey for sd service
 26 The Town Allowed to Nath. Capen five shillings for
 Cutting the pulpit before Ordination of Mr Emerson
 27 The Town Allowed to Richard Towne Twenty shillings
 for serving Schoolmaster the last year
 All the Town officers were Chosen for the year Ensu-
 ing of whom an oath is by Law Required were all sworn
 before the selectmen on the 4th & 5th day of March 1722-
 Entered by order of the selectmen: Jacob Peabody Town
 Clerk
 At the above said Town meeting March 11th 1722 a Nath-
 aniel Averill Junr & Hester Lake are Chosen to fence the
 bounds & station the lines of the Personage Land in Top-
 sfield in order to fence it as above said
 voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified according to Law for voting are hereby Warned & Notified to Assemble and meet together at the Meeting house in Topsfield: on Tuseday the first day of April next Ensuing the date hereof at one of y^e Clock afternoon on sd Day

1 To see if the Town will do anything to mend up any seats that are broken down in the meeting house

2 to give Liberty for swine to go at Large as the Law directs

3 to allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield March y^e 22 1728-9
Joshua Towne Constable

Benja^a Towne

} by order of
the selectmen
of Topsfi^d

At A Lawfull Towne Meeting in Topsfield Aprill: 1: 1729

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Towne Agreed that y^e seats y^t were broken in y^e meeting house at y^e ordination of Mr Emerson should be Repaired at y^e Towns Cost
voted

3 The Towne Made Choice of Stephen Johnson to repair s^d seats
voted

The Town gave Liberty for swine to go at Large according as y^e Law gives Liberty
voted

4 The Town agreed that the Present selectmen should Cast up Mr Zacheus Goulds Rates y^t were Committed to him as Constable viz the Country and Town Rates to see if they are short of what they are Called
voted

5 The Town allowed one pound seven shillings to Jonathan Wildes for keeping the Meeting house y^e Last year y^e year Ending Last March meeting
voted 01 07 00

6 The Town allowed to John Willdes Two pounds & six pence for going to Court to git some allowance towards y^e Repairing the Town bridge
voted 2 0 6

7 the Town Allowed to John Willdes five shillings & six pence for Joseph Kimballs Rates he being gone out of Town
voted 0 3 6

8 The Town allowed to Quar^{ter} mr Nath^l Bordman one

The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield were as are qualified according to Law for vot-
ing are hereby Warned & Notified to Assemble and meet
together at the Meeting house in Topsfield: on Tuesday the
first day of April next: Keeping the date before at one of y^e
Clock afternoon on 2d Day

To see if the Town will do anything to mend up any
seats that are broken down in the meeting house

To give Liberty for swine to go at Large as the Law
directs

To allow bills of Charge

Benj^r Towne

by order of
the selectmen
of Topsfield

Dated Topsfield March y^e 22 1728-9
Joshua Towne Constable

At A Lawfull Towne Meeting in Topsfield April: 1: 1729
1. D^r John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meet-

ing

2. The Towne Agreed that y^e seats y^e were broken in y^e
meeting house at y^e ordination of Mr Emerson should be

Repaired at y^e Towns Cost

3. The Towne Made Choice of Stephen Johnson to repair

seats

The Town gave Liberty for swine to go at Large accord-

ing as y^e Law gives Liberty

4. The Town agreed that the Present selectmen should

Cast up Mr Zachary Goulds Rates y^e were Committed to

him as Constable viz the County and Town Rates to see if

they are short of what they are Called

5. The Town allowed one pound seven shillings to John

than Wildes for keeping the Meeting house y^e last year y^e

year Ending Last March meeting

6. The Town allowed to John Wildes Two pounds & six

pence for going to Court to get some allowance towards y^e

Repairing the Town bridge

7. The Town Allowed to John Wildes five shillings & six

pence for Joseph Kimball's Rates he being gone out of Town

voted 0 3 6

8. The Town allowed to Quaker Nathⁿ Hardman one

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Dated Topsfield May 1: 1729
Joshua Towne Constable
of Topsfield

John Howlett
Eliezer Lake
David Balch
Benj^a Towne
Jacob Peabody

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 7th 1729

1 Mr Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 The Town Agreed that y^e Present Selectmen or y^e Major part of them shall Reckon with Mr Nath^l Porter our former Town Treasurer voted

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Dated Topsfield May 1 : 1739
 Joshua Towne Constable
 of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 7th 1739
 1 Mr Zachus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
 2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e year ensuing
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It. 2 Coats & wearing apparel	03—00—00
It. 1 warming pan	00—03—00
It. A tub 2 pails a few books	00—10—00
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THOMAS, probably his son, m. Dec. 8, 1657, Frances Collings, at Ipswich. He was living in Topsfield, 1663-1668, and had a daughter Sarah, born there Mar. 23, 1666-7.

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1c. 1 iron pot—1 brass pot—1 silver pen—1 pew
 plate—1 paper—1 iron kettle—1 brass kettle—
 03-17-00 1 copy 1 brass pen & some other small things
 1c. 2 chests—1 leather bed—1 set of drawers
 —2 boxes—2 pillows—2 blankets—1 cover—
 03-10-00 1 bedstead—& other small things
 03-03-00 1c. 2 coats & wearing apparel
 03-03-00 1c. 1 wearing gown
 03-10-00 1c. A tub & some few books
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12-00-00 "what else worth
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"The last will and testament of william averell, of Topsfield, sen^r in the County of Essex in New England. I being weake in body but through gods goodness, yet of Competent understanding and memory, I Commit my body to the dust when god shall take me hence, and my Spirits unto the hands of almighty god and my most mercifull redeemer. And my outward estate as followeth, I doe will unto my Eleven children the sume of six pound a piece for the present to be pd as they are or shall come to age in such specia of moveabls as the estate consists in, not to be prised as money but as upon pay acct. And this rule to be atteaded in all other payments hereafter to be mentioned. The remainder of my estate viz. my lands & housing stock & houshold goods moveables and Imoveables, my will is to Leave it with my deare and Loveing wife, to be improved for the mutual releiff, and comfort both of herself & family I shall leave with her, or so many of them whose hearts god shall encline to live together with their deare mother as brethren in peace Love and unity And to be mutually helpfull in improveing the Land and stock for their own & each others Lyvlihood that they may by keeping neare together be helpfull to each other in an hour of danger. My will is that if my present dwelling house shall continue in being untill after my wives decease, And also that my sone John and my

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"If any shall doe contraire hereunto he shall forfault his entrest in his share of land and houseing nor shall he hold his proportion at a higher price to his brethren than the same will yeild to a stranger. It. my will is that if the land shall fall short in value that my sones have not yr due in value. What shall be wanting shall be made up out of the stock & moveables. And the like be done if stock & movables fall short. The heires of the Lands & houseing to pay every one his part. My will is that my sone Nathaniell may use the shop tooles not to make any strip nor waste or to deprive the family of the benefit of such as they shall have occasion for, while they shall continue together. I doe hereby give to my wife full power to determine what kynd of houshold goods shall belong to each of our daughters. And also to impart as there may be need either to sones or daughters what may be conveniently spared keeping a true acct. thereof, not exceeding what will be their proportion at the Last division. And what they shall so receive shall be accounted unto them as part of their last proportion out of my estate. (I doe not intend here the first six pounds mentioned in the former part of these Lynes.) I doe also give Liberty to my wife to allow reasonable recompense to such of our children though not yet come to age as shall approve themselves dilligent, faithfull and constant in improveing

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"I doe further hereby make my deare & Loveing wife my full and sole executive unto this my last will and testament during the terme of her widowhood. If she shall see cause to change her condition then my will is that she shall take two of her sones whom she shall judge to be best able and most faithfull to Joyne with her in executorship, to the end that no stranger nor sone of a stranger may be admitted into so small a Liveing to the wrong of the propper heires or any of them.

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"For consideration hereof I have hereunto set my hand dated the 15 day of April, 1690.

William Auerell.

"As witnesses

John Wills

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Children, all born in Topsfield except the first:

- 3 WILLIAM, b. May 1, 1662.
- 4 NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 13, 1664.
- 5 JOHN, b. Jan. 1, 1666.
- 6 JOB, b. Jan. 1, 1666-7.
HANNAH, b. Dec. 18, 1667; d. unm. May 14, 1737.
- 7 EBENEZER, b. Oct. 14, 1669.
ISAAC, b. Jan. 26, 1671-2; d. June 11, 1680, in Topsfield.
THOMAS, b. Dec. 9, 1672; probably m. Nov. 29, 1712, Abigail Cogswell, in Ipswich; acknowledged a deed in Preston, Conn., May 30, 1724.
ABIGAIL, b. March 8, 1673-4; m., (pub. July 9, 1699) Jonathan Bishop of Beverly. Lived in Beverly until about 1703, when they removed to Rehoboth, where he died in 1752. They acknowledged a deed in Norton, Bristol county, June 2, 1721.

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3 John, b. Jan. 1, 1606.

4 John, b. Jan. 1, 1606-7.

5 Hannah, b. Dec. 18, 1607; d. unm. May 14, 1737.

6 Elizabeth, b. Oct. 14, 1609.

7 Isaac, b. Jan. 20, 1671-2; d. June 11, 1690, in Topsheld.

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Bishop of Haverly. Lived in Haverly until about 1708, when

they removed to Haverhill, where he died in 1752. They

acknowledged a deed in Norton, Bristol county, June 2,

1731.

- EZEKIEL, b. July 24, 1675; probably d. young.
- 8 PAUL, b. June 21, 1677.
- SILAS, b. May 1, 1679; probably d. young.
- 9 ISAAC, b. Nov. 10, 1680.
- MARY, bapt. May 16, 1697; m. Feb. 16, 1709-10, Silas Titus of Rehoboth. They acknowledged a deed in Norton, June 2, 1724.

3 William Averill, born in Ipswich, May 1, 1662. Lived in Topsfield, and married Mary ———. "Widow Mary Averill died March 14, 1728-9."—*Topsfield Records*. He was admitted to membership in the church, May 24, 1685, and Mar. 11, 1688, was disciplined for intemperance and unseemly behavior in Mr. Wise's church at Ipswich. March 1, 1714/15, the selectmen of Topsfield, agreed with William Averill, jun., to sweep the meeting-house and dig graves, for which service he was to be paid 18 shillings a year and to have the use of half an acre of land "some where near among the Hills to ye Norwest of ye Meeting House," during the lifetime of himself and wife. He was also given "the benefite of ye frute of ye parsonage orchard till the Town have occasion for it."

Children, baptized in Topsfield :

ELIZABETH, bapt. April 7, 1695.

JOSEPH, bapt. March 21, 1696-7.*

MARY (?) who m. July 9, 1719, at Ipswich, Caleb Jackson of Ashford. The m. is recorded at Topsfield and Ipswich.

STEPHEN, bapt. June 6, 1701. He probably removed to Arundel, Me., with his brother Joseph, where he married and had: Phebe, Rebecca, Sarah and Samuel.

JAMES, bapt. April 11, 1703.

REBECCA, bapt. July 15, 1705.

JABEZ, bapt. June 15, 1707; m. Mary Buxton, and settled in Preston, Conn.

MOSES, bapt. Feb. 26, 1709-10.

4 Nathaniel Averill, born in Topsfield, Oct. 13, 1664. He was a carpenter and millwright, and lived in

*1723-4. Benjamin Kimball and Joseph Averill are in the military service.—*Felt's History of Ipswich*. He probably was living at Arundel, now Kennebunk, Me., in 1728, a joint-owner, with Jacob Wildes, of 450 acres of land, and a saw-mill. There he m. Jane McLellen and had 11 children, 7 of whom died with the throat distemper in 1735. He may have had a brother Samuel, who also lived at Arundel and was cast away on Mount Desert in 1747 and drowned.

8. YOUNG, William H. 1877.
 9. LANE, H. Nov. 10, 1884.
 10. LANE, H. May 1, 1891; probably of same age.
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 JOSEPH, bapt. March 21, 1688-9.
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 HANNAH, bapt. July 15, 1705.
 JAMES, bapt. June 15, 1707; m. Mary Horton, and settled in
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 MARY, bapt. Feb. 23, 1708-10.

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*1728. Nathaniel Averill and Jacob Averill are in the military service.
 Their father, William, was killed at a battle, now known as
 the Battle of the Clouds, with Jacob Averill, at the age of 16, and a son
 and three daughters. Nathaniel and Jacob were 17 at the time of the
 battle. Nathaniel was killed. The two sons had a brother, Samuel, who was killed at
 Andover and was sent away on Monday Dec. 10, 1717 and drowned.

Topsfield, where he owned a sawmill. Constable in 1702. He married, first, Dec. 13, 1698, Sarah Howlett. She died July 11, 1729, and he married, second, June 17, 1730, Lydia French. She died May 31, 1746, and he died April 3, 1751.

Children, born in Topsfield:

10 NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 6, 1700.

11 JACOB, b. Aug. 17, 1702.

ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 9, 1704 (bapt. July 16, 1704); m. Dec. 19, 1734, Joseph Hovey; and was living in 1741.

SARAH, b. Feb. 9, 1706; d. unm. Dec. 26, 1784.

MIRIAM, b. July 9, 1709; m. Sept. 17, 1734, Joseph Neland of Topsfield; and was living in 1741.

DANIEL, bapt. Sept. 16, 1711; d. March 6, 1716-17.

JEREMIAH, b. July 21, 1714; shopjoiner and yeoman; lived in Topsfield; tithingman in 1751; constable, 1759; selectman, 1762-1769; treasurer, 1776-1781; he inherited his father's dwelling house, his sister Sarah to have the west chamber so long as she remained unm., which was 33 y. after the probating of the will; d. unm. Sept. 7, 1785.

5 John Averill, born in Topsfield, Jan. 1, 1666, was a yeoman and lived in Topsfield. He was known as "Sarg" in 1701, where he was appointed tithingman and was constable in 1711. On Feb. 1, 1692, he and his brother Nathaniel, bought of Gov. Simon Bradstreet, 200 acres of land lying between Howlett brook and Mile brook, the locality that afterwards became known as "The Colleges." The original deed is still in existence. April 7, 1735 his four children, then under age, were placed under the guardianship of John Wildes. Administration was granted on his estate Apr. 13, 1724, to widow "Anna." He married June 8, 1710, Anne* Greensleet (Greenleaf) of Topsfield and died in the winter of 1719-20. His widow was living in Topsfield in 1741, and may have removed to Andover that year.

*In the records of births of her children, the name is recorded "Hannah" and in a record of baptism it is given as "Ann."

Topsheld, where he owned a sawmill. Constable in 1702. He married, first Dec. 12, 1698, Sarah Howland. She died July 11, 1728, and he married, second, June 17, 1730, Lydia French. She died May 31, 1746, and he died April 2, 1751.

Children born in Topsheld:

10. KATHARINE, b. Sept. 6, 1700.
11. JACOB, b. Aug. 17, 1702.
- ANNE, b. Aug. 8, 1704 (bapt. July 25, 1704); m. Dec. 18, 1724, Joseph Hovey; and was living in 1741.
- SARAH, b. Feb. 17, 1706; m. Dec. 10, 1724, William, b. July 6, 1709; m. Sept. 17, 1724, Joseph Nelson of Topsheld; and was living in 1741.
- DANIEL, b. Sept. 16, 1711; m. March 6, 1718-17, Jeremiah, b. July 21, 1714; physician and yeoman; lived in Topsheld; sittingman in 1701; constable, 1706; selectman, 1709-1780; treasurer, 1718-1781; he inherited his father's dwelling house, his sister Sarah to have the west chamber so long as she remained unmarried, which was 22 y. after the probating of the will; d. June 8, 1755.

5. John Averill, born in Topsheld, Jan. 1, 1666, was a yeoman and lived in Topsheld. He was known as "Sarg." in 1701, where he was appointed sittingman and was constable in 1711. On Feb. 1, 1692, he and his brother Nathaniel bought of Gov. Simon Bradstreet 200 acres of land lying between Howland brook and Mile brook, the locality that afterwards became known as "The College." The original deed is still in existence. April 7, 1733 his four children, then under age, were placed under the guardianship of John Wilder. Administration was granted on his estate Apr. 13, 1734, to widow "Anna." He married June 8, 1710, Anna Greenleaf (Greenleaf) of Topsheld and died in the winter of 1719-20. His widow was living in Topsheld in 1741, and may have removed to Andover that year.

*In the records of births of her children, the name is recorded "Elizabeth," and in a record of baptisms it is given as "Ann."

Children, born in Topsfield :

12 JOHN, b. April 24, 1711.

THOMAS, b. Dec. 17, 1713 ; husbandman ; lived in Topsfield until his marriage, when he removed to Andover ; m. May 20, 1739, Sarah Neland (Kneeland) of Ipswich and had : (1) John, bp. Oct. 25, 1741 ; (2) Thomas, bp. Sept. 27, 1747 ; (3) Sarah, bp. Nov. 3, 1751.

EMMA, bp. May-Aug., 1715 ; m. Samuel Phippen, Sept. 7, 1738.

KATHERINE, bp. Apr. —, 1717 ; m. Dec. 22, 1736, Nathaniel Moulton of Ipswich.

13 EBENEZER, bapt. Oct. 1—, 1718.

ABIAL (dau.), bp. May —, 1720 ; posthumous ; d. Aug. 1, 1736.

6 Job Averill, born in Topsfield, Jan. 1, 1666-7, was a yeoman, and lived in that part of Topsfield that was incorporated as Middleton in 1728. Was tithingman in 1708. He married Feb. 1, 1702-3, Susanna Brown of Topsfield, and died in 1730 ; his will, dated Feb. 7, 1729-30, was proved June 1, 1730. Administration was granted on her estate Dec. 16, 1732.

Children, born in Topsfield:

JOB, b. Aug. 11, 1707 ; husbandman ; removed from Middleton to Arundel, York county, Me., in 1734 ; was of Arundel in 1737, and of Sheepscot, York county, gentleman, in 1742 ; m. Sarah — before 1737. Had : William and Sarah both bapt. Aug. 14, 1748, at Middleton.

JUDITH, b. May 4, 1710 ; m. Apr. 20, 1732, Samuel Foster.

14 ISRAEL, b. April 21, 1713.

KEZIA, b. May 6, 1715 ; m. June 27, 1754, Jonathan Whipple of Danvers.

15 SAMUEL, b. June 7, 1720.

SUSANNA, bapt. Sept. —, 1722 ; d. Dec. 26, 1736.

EZEKIEL, b. in 1724. On Feb. 26, 1739, at the age of fourteen, he was placed under the guardianship of Francis Peabody of Middleton.

7 Ebenezer Averill, born in Topsfield, Oct. 14, 1669, was a husbandman and lived in Topsfield ; was constable in 1701 and selectman in 1704, 1705, 1707, 1708, 1710, 1713, 1715 and 1716. He married, first, Nov. 30, 1697, Susanna Hovey. She died Nov. 11, 1699, and he married, second, Dec. 31, 1700, Mehitable Foster of Ipswich. He died Dec. 22, 1717, and his wife, Mehitable

Children, born in Topsfield :

12. John, b. April 21, 1717.
 THOMAS, b. Dec. 17, 1718; husbandman; lived in Topsfield in
 in his marriage, when he removed to Andover; in May 20,
 1739, Sarah Meland (Kinsland) of Ipswich and had: (1)
 John, b. Oct. 25, 1741; (2) Thomas, b. Sept. 27, 1747; (3)
 Sarah, b. Nov. 8, 1751.
 KENNEDY, b. May-Aug., 1715; in Samuel Phippen, Sept. 7, 1738.
 KATHARINE, b. Apr. —, 1717; in Dec. 25, 1738, Nathaniel
 Meland of Ipswich.

13. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 1, 1718.
 ANNE (died), b. May —, 1720; husbandman; & Aug. 1, 1730.

6. Job Averill, born in Topsfield, Jan. 1, 1688-7,
 was a yeoman, and lived in that part of Topsfield that
 was incorporated as Middleton in 1735. Was tithingman
 in 1708. He married Feb. 1, 1702-3, Susanna Brown of
 Topsfield, and died in 1730; his will, dated Feb. 7, 1730-
 30, was proved June 1, 1730. Administration was granted
 on her estate Dec. 16, 1732.

Children, born in Topsfield:

1. John, b. Aug. 11, 1707; husbandman; removed from Middleton
 to Arundel, York county, Me., in 1734; was of Arundel in
 1757, and of Shepscott, York county, gentleman, in 1773;
 m. Sarah — before 1737. Had: William and Sarah both
 b. Aug. 14, 1745, at Middleton.

2. John, b. May 4, 1710; m. Apr. 20, 1733, Samuel Foster.

14. Sarah, b. April 21, 1713.
 KURT, b. May 6, 1715; m. June 27, 1754, Jonathan Whipple of
 Danvers.

15. Samuel, b. June 7, 1720.
 SUSANNA, b. Sept. —, 1723; d. Dec. 20, 1730.
 EMMER, b. in 1731. On Feb. 20, 1739, at the age of fourteen,
 he was placed under the guardianship of Francis Peabody
 of Middleton.

7. Ebenezer Averill, born in Topsfield, Oct. 14,
 1669, was a husbandman and lived in Topsfield; was con-
 stable in 1701 and settler in 1704, 1705, 1707, 1708,
 1710, 1718, 1719 and 1716. He married, first Nov. 30,
 1697, Susanna Hovey. She died Nov. 11, 1699, and he
 married, second, Dec. 31, 1700, Melinda Foster of
 Ipswich. He died Dec. 23, 1717, and his wife, Melinda

died Nov. 19, 1740. In the record of his death he is styled "Sargt". His inventory states that some of the things were reserved for "Luke the sunn of Susannah his first wife that came from Engl^d."

Children, born in Topsfield:

SUSANNAH, d. Nov. 11, 1699.

16 LUKE, b. Aug. 2, 1699.

MEHITABLE, b. Apr. 26, 170-; bapt. May 2, 1703; m. April 12, 1726, Matthew Peabody, and d. June 6, 1740.

SUSANNAH, b. July 22, 170-; bapt. July 23, 1704; d. in Topsfield, unm. Sept. 2, 1749.

RUTH, b. June 9, 1706; d. unm. before 1729.

HANNAH, b. Feb. 13, 1707-8; m. John Howlett of Ipswich, July 18, 1728 and was his widow in 1749.

MARY, b. Aug. 15, 1710; m. Feb. 24, 1729-30, Nathaniel Porter and d. Dec. 23, 1736.

LYDIA, b. Dec. 11, 1712; m. July 28, 1731, Daniel Gould of Topsfield, husbandman, and d. Dec. 22, 1739.

JEMIMA, b. Apr. 25, 1715; m. Feb. 14, 1737-8, John Perkins, jr., and d. March 2, 1749.

PHEBE, b. Nov. 23, 1717; m. 1st, Nov. 13, 1753, Isaac Dodge of Wenham; m. 2nd, — Brown.

8 Paul Averill, born in Topsfield, June 21, 1677, was a husbandman, and lived in that part of Topsfield incorporated as Middleton in 1728. He married, first, Mar. 27, 1706, Sarah, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Sarah (Perley) Andrews. She died Oct. 16, 1732, aged forty-seven, and he married, second, Feb. 3, 1736-7, widow Mary Simonds of Wenham. They were living in Middleton in 1747, and were dismissed Aug. 5, 1753, to the church in Killingly, Conn.

Children, born in Topsfield:

EZEKIEL, b. March 13, 1707-8.

HEPHSIBAH, b. Nov. 8, 1709; m. Dec. 13, 1733, Robert Bradford.

17 PAUL, b. Dec. 16, 1711.

SARAH, b. April 2, 1713; d. unm. in Middleton, Jan. 20, 1736.

JOSEPH, b. Jan. 17, 1719-20; m. Feb. 14, 1743-4, Mary Symonds of Topsfield. He was then of Killingly. A Joseph Symonds m. Sarah Mansfield, Dec. 24, 1745, at Middleton, and had Dudley, bp. —, 1746. Joseph Averill, housewright, of Uxbridge in 1741, is mentioned in Essex Co. Deeds.

died Nov. 19, 1740. In the record of his death he is styled "Sarg." The inventory states that some of the things were reserved for "Ishak the son of Benjamin his first wife that came from Italy."

Children, born in Topsfield:

- SUSANNA, b. Nov. 11, 1699.
10. IRENE, b. Aug. 2, 1699.
HENRIETTA, b. Apr. 25, 1700; bapt. May 2, 1700; m. April 12, 1724, Matthew Peabody, and d. June 6, 1740.
EUSABIA, b. July 22, 1700; bapt. July 28, 1701; d. in Topsfield, Nov. 20, 1740.
ROSE, b. June 2, 1700; d. same place 1722.
HANNAH, b. Feb. 12, 1701-2; m. John Howland of Ipswich, July 18, 1728 and was his widow in 1740.
MARY, b. Aug. 15, 1710; m. Feb. 24, 1733-34, Nathaniel Porter and d. Dec. 23, 1788.
LYDIA, b. Dec. 11, 1712; m. July 22, 1734, Daniel Gould of Topsfield, husbandman, and d. Dec. 22, 1782.
JENNINA, b. Apr. 22, 1713; m. Feb. 14, 1737-38, John Perkins, Jr., and d. March 2, 1742.
PURNIE, b. Nov. 28, 1717; m. Jan. 12, 1738, Isaac Dodge of Woburn; m. 2nd, — Brown.

8. PAUL AVERILL, born in Topsfield June 21, 1677, was a husbandman, and lived in that part of Topsfield incorporated as Middleton in 1728. He married, first Mar. 27, 1700, Sarah, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Sarah (Perley) Andrews. She died Oct. 16, 1732, aged forty-seven, and he married, second, Feb. 3, 1736-7, widow Mary Simonds of Wenham. They were living in Middleton in 1747, and were dismissed Aug. 6, 1753, to the church in Killingly, Conn.

Children, born in Topsfield:

- HARRIET, b. March 12, 1707-8.
HERMANN, b. Nov. 8, 1709; m. Dec. 12, 1732, Robert Bradstreet.
17. PAUL, b. Dec. 16, 1711.
SARAH, b. April 2, 1713; d. same in Middleton Jan. 20, 1734.
JOSEPH, b. Jan. 17, 1719-20; m. Feb. 14, 1742-4, Mary Symonds of Topsfield. He was then of Killingly. A Joseph Symonds m. Sarah Mansfield, Dec. 24, 1745, at Middleton, and had Killingly, Jr. — 1746. Joseph Averill, husband of Paul's wife, is mentioned in Essex Co. Deeds.

9 Isaac Averill, born in Topsfield, Nov. 10, 1680, married, May 16, 1709, in Rehoboth, Mass., Esther, daughter of Philip Walker, jr., of that town. Isaac Averill was "an ingenious Carpenter," and framed in Providence, R. I., the largest meeting house of his time. As a resident of Preston, Conn., he acknowledged a deed on May 30, 1724, and for many years lived in that town. Before 1748 he removed to Kent, Conn.

Children, all born in Preston, Conn.:

SAMUEL, b. —, 1715; m. Patience Perry at Rehoboth, Mass. He purchased of the Indians on July 20, 1749, land in Washington, Conn., where he lived and d. April 30, 1786, at 71 years.

DANIEL, b. —, 1716; d. Oct. 23, 1785, in New Preston; m. Lucy, dau. of Edward Cogswell of Ipswich. Lived at New Preston. Miller and public man.

MOSES, b. —, 1723-4; d. Jan. 22, 1784, in New Preston; m. Martha, dau. of Edward Cogswell of Ipswich. Lived in what is now Washington, Conn. Captain in the militia, deacon in the church and representative in the legislature.

LUCY.

JUDITH, b. —; d. May 18, 1774, in New Preston.

10 Capt. Nathaniel Averill, born in Topsfield, Sept. 6, 1700, was a housewright, and lived in Topsfield. Selectman in 1747, 1748. He married, Nov. 24, 1743, Hannah Wildes, and died Aug. 17, 1781. She died June 4, 1785, aged seventy-five. At the probating of his will he was styled "gentlemen." After his wife's decease his books were to be divided equally among his two children. Estate inventoried £458.14.10 and included surveying instruments, 36/.

Children, born in Topsfield:

18 NATHANIEL, b. April 27, 1747.

HANNAH, b. Aug. 17, 1750; m. Nov. 18, 1773, John Lovering, 3d, of Ipswich, husbandman; they were living in Ipswich in 1787.

11 Jacob Averill, born in Topsfield, Aug. 17, 1702, was a yeoman and lived in Topsfield. He was a tithing-man in 1736, 1742, and 1757; constable in 1746; and

9 Isaac Avertil, born in Topsfield, Nov. 10, 1689, married, May 16, 1709, in Rehoboth, Mass., Esther, daughter of Philip Walker, jr., of that town. Isaac Avertil was "an ingenious Carpenter," and framed in Providence, R. I., the largest meeting house of his time. As a resident of Preston, Conn., he acknowledged a deed on May 26, 1724, and for many years lived in that town. Before 1748 he removed to Kent, Conn. Children, all born in Preston, Conn.:

Baxter, B. —, 1715; in Eastern Ferry at Rehoboth, Mass. He purchased of the Indians on July 20, 1736, land in Washington, Conn., where he lived and d. April 20, 1780, at 71 years.

Daniel, B. —, 1718; d. Oct. 22, 1765, in New Preston; m. Lucy, dau. of Edward Cogswell of Ipswich. Lived at New Preston. Miller and public man.

Moses, B. —, 1724; d. Jan. 22, 1764, in New Preston; m. Martha, dau. of Edward Cogswell of Ipswich. Lived in what is now Washington, Conn. Captain in the militia, chosen in the church and representative in the legislature.

John, B. —, d. May 18, 1775, in New Preston.

10 Capt. Nathaniel Avertil, born in Topsfield, Sept. 6, 1700, was a housewright, and lived in Topsfield. Selectman in 1741, 1748. He married, Nov. 24, 1743, Hannah Wilder and died Aug. 17, 1781. She died June 4, 1785, aged seventy-five. At the probating of his will he was styled "gentleman." After his wife's decease his books were to be divided equally among his two children. Estate inventoried £458.4.10 and included surveying instruments, &c.

Children, born in Topsfield:

18 NATHANIEL, B. April 27, 1747.
HARRIS, B. Aug. 17, 1750; m. Nov. 18, 1773, John Lovering, 2d, of Ipswich, husbandman; they were living in Ipswich in 1787.

11 Jacob Avertil, born in Topsfield, Aug. 17, 1702, was a yeoman and lived in Topsfield. He was a highwayman in 1736, 1742, and 1757; constable in 1746; and

selectman from 1752 to 1755. He married Priscilla, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Wildes, and died June 15 (June 14, church rds.), 1791. By his will he bequeathed to his sons Daniel and Amos, his carpenter's tools "where-soever they may be found." His wife died May 17 (May 22, church rds.), 1799, aged 94 years.

Children, born in Topsfield :

JACOB, b. Mar. 18, 1728-9; cabinet-maker and joiner; lived in Topsfield; m. Nov. 23, 1752, Hannah Bryant. He d. Sept. 14, 1807 and she d. Feb. 24, 1813. "Joanna, the widow of Jacob, struck with numb palsey in the summer of 1785, and remained dead on one side till she died."

19 DANIEL, b. Dec. 3, 1730.

DOROTHY, b. Feb. 24, 1731-2; m. Nov. 8, 1752, David Prichard. He died in 1756, in the French and Indian War, and in her father's will, dated May 30, 1791, she was given the right to occupy "the west chamber . . . till she is otherwise provided for." She d. Jan. 30, 1822.

LYDIA, b. July 2, 1735; m. Jan. 15, 1767, Richard Potter, jr., of Ipswich.

MARY, b. Aug. 1, 1739; d. unm., Oct. 5, 1826, at the almshouse.

PRISCILLA, b. July 1, 1742; d. March 29, 1781.

AMOS, b. March 25, 1747; yeoman; lived in Topsfield; soldier in the Revolution, marching to Lexington and also seeing other service; m. Nov. 6, 1774, Lydia Batchelder of Wenham and d. suddenly April 11, 1805. She d. Mar. 20, 1831, at the almshouse.

12 John Averill, born in Topsfield, April 24, 1711, was a husbandman, and lived in Topsfield until about 1740, when he removed to Groton, Mass. In 1751, he again removed to Westminster, Vt., where he died, Sept. 2, 1797. He married, May 7, 1735, Mary Phippen. She died in Westminster, Vt., in 1809, "in the 95th year of her age."

Children :

MARY, bapt. March 14, 1735-6, Topsfield; m. — Rockwood.

ABIAL, bapt. Nov. 26, 1738, Topsfield; m. John Abby.

ASA, b. —, 1739; m. 1st, Anna Chaffee; m. 2nd, the widow of Peter Lovejoy; m. 3rd, — Nall.

THOMAS, b. —, 1745; m. Nov. 3, 1774, Elizabeth Robinson.

selectman from 1753 to 1755. He married Elizabeth daughter of Ephraim and Mary Wilkes, and died June 15 (June 14, church rds.), 1791. By his will he bequeathed to his sons Daniel and Amos, his carpenter's tools "where-soever they may be found." His wife died May 17 (May 22, church rds.), 1739, aged 64 years.

Children, born in Topsfield:

JACOB, b. Mar. 18, 1728-9; cabinet-maker and joiner; lived in Topsfield; m. Nov. 23, 1752, Hannah Bryant, the d. Sept. 14, 1807 and she d. Feb. 24, 1811. "Janna, the widow of Jacob, about with much pity in the summer of 1795, and remained dead on one side till she died."

19 DANIEL, b. Dec. 3, 1730.
DANIEL, b. Feb. 24, 1731-2; m. Nov. 8, 1752, David's Richard. He died in 1756, in the French and Indian War, and in his father's will, dated May 30, 1791, she was given the right to occupy "the west chamber . . . till she is otherwise provided for." She d. Jan. 30, 1822.

LADIA, b. July 2, 1732; m. Jan. 15, 1761, Richard Foster, Jr., of Ipswich.

MARY, b. Aug. 1, 1739; d. ann., Oct. 5, 1826, at the almshouse.
PAMELA, b. July 1, 1743; d. March 22, 1781.
AMOS, b. March 25, 1747; yeoman; lived in Topsfield; soldier in the Revolution, marching to Lexington and also seeing other service; m. Nov. 8, 1774, Lydia Hatcher of Westham and d. suddenly April 11, 1803. She d. Mar. 20, 1831, at the almshouse.

12 JOHN AVERILL, born in Topsfield, April 24, 1711, was a husbandman, and lived in Topsfield until about 1740, when he removed to Groton, Mass. In 1751, he again removed to Westminster, Vt., where he died, Sept. 2, 1797. He married, May 7, 1735, Mary Phippen. She died in Westminster, Vt., in 1803, "in the 65th year of her age."

Children:

MARY, bapt. March 14, 1735-6, Topsfield; m. ——— Rockwood.
ANNA, bapt. Nov. 28, 1738, Topsfield; m. John Abby.
ASA, b. ———, 1739; m. 1st, Anna Chace; m. 2nd, the widow of Peter Lovjoy; m. 3rd, ——— Nell.
THOMAS, b. ———, 1745; m. Nov. 2, 1771, Elizabeth Robinson.

SAMUEL, b. —, 1746 (?); m. 1st, Molly Barnes; m. 2nd, the widow Washburn.

JOHN, b. —, 1748; m. Olive Estabrook.

ANNA, b. —, 1751; m. Peter Lovejoy. She was the first white child, born in Westminster, Vt.

AMY, m. Robert Rand.

OLIVE, m. William Martin.

13 Ebenezer Averill, baptized in Topsfield, Oct. 1—, 1718, was a husbandman, and lived in Topsfield until about 1760 when he removed to Amherst, N. H., where he was living in 1771. He married, April 5, 1748; Mary Towne and she was his wife in 1771.

Children, baptized in Topsfield:

RUTH, bapt. Jan. 1, 1748-9.

EBENEZER, bapt. Dec. 22, 1751; lived in Amherst; pub. Oct. 3, 1775, to Anna Johnson of Danvers.

DAVID, bapt. April 13, 1755.

ELIJAH, bapt. May 29, 1757.

14 Israel Averill, born in Topsfield, April 21, 1713, married in Middleton, June 11, 1735, Mary Kenney. He was a husbandman and lived in Middleton until about 1752, when he removed to Topsfield and was taxed there until 1759. An Israel Averil of Pownalborough, Me., yeoman, and wife Mary, sold land in Manchester, Mass., in 1767.—*Essex Co. Deeds*.

Children:

HULDAH, bapt. —, 1736, in Middleton.

MARY, bapt. —, 1739, in Middleton; m. April 13, 1759, Archelaus Kenney.

SUSANNA, bp. —, 1742, in Middleton.

ENOCH, bp. —, 1744, in Middleton; m. Ruth Hilton of Pownalborough, Me.

DAVID, bp. —, 1747, in Middleton; m. Elizabeth Hilton, sister of the above.

RUTH, bapt. Dec. 17, 1749, in Middleton; m. in Pownalborough, Me.

EUNICE, bapt. Feb. 25, 1753, in Topsfield.

ISRAEL, bapt. June 13, 1756, in Topsfield.

BARRETT, D. —, 1748 (?); m. 1st Molly Barrett; m. 2nd, the
widow Washburn.
JOHN, D. —, 1758; m. Olive Washburn.
ANNA, D. —, 1751; m. Peter Lovejoy. She was the first white
child born in Westchester, Vt.
AND, m. Robert French.
OLIVE, m. William Martin.

13 Ebenezer Averill, baptized in Topsfield, Oct.
1-1718, was a husbandman and lived in Topsfield until
about 1760 when he removed to Amherst, N. H., where
he was living in 1771. He married, April 6, 1718; Mary
Towns and she was his wife in 1771.
Children, baptized in Topsfield:

JOHN, bapt. Jan. 1, 1748-9.
BENJAMIN, bapt. Dec. 22, 1751; lived in Amherst; prob. Oct. 3,
1778, to Anna Johnson of Danvers.
DAVID, bapt. April 18, 1755.
ELIZABETH, bapt. May 26, 1757.

14 Israel Averill, born in Topsfield, April 21, 1713,
married in Middleton, June 11, 1735; Mary Kenney. He
was a husbandman and lived in Middleton until about
1752, when he removed to Topsfield and was taxed there
until 1759. An Israel Averill of Townshorough, Me.,
yeoman, and wife Mary, sold land in Manchester, Mass.,
in 1767. — Essex Co. Deeds.
Children:

HURBAN, bapt. —, 1736, in Middleton.
MARY, bapt. —, 1739, in Middleton; m. April 18, 1750, Ar-
chibald Kenney.
BUCKLEY, bp. —, 1742, in Middleton.
ENOCH, bp. —, 1744, in Middleton; m. Ruth Hilton of Town-
shorough, Me.
DAVID, bp. —, 1747, in Middleton; m. Elizabeth Hilton, sister
of the above.
REBEKAH, bapt. Dec. 17, 1749, in Middleton; m. in Townshorough,
Me.
REUBEN, bapt. Feb. 25, 1753, in Topsfield.
ISRAEL, bapt. June 13, 1756, in Topsfield.

15 Samuel Averill, born in Topsfield, June 7, 1720, was a blacksmith and lived in Middleton. He married, Sept. 3, 1742, Martha Clemens of Salem, and died about 1756, administration being granted on his estate, Jan. 17, 1757. She survived him, and married, secondly, Nov. 27, 1764, Michael Dwinnell of Topsfield. He died Sept. 19, 1770, and she married, third, April 4, 1774, Samuel Cartor of Manchester.

Children, born in Middleton:

SUSANNA, b. Aug. 8, 1743.

ELIZABETH, b. April —, 1745; probably m. Feb. 20, 1766, John Nichols of Middleton.

20 BENJAMIN, b. Jan., 1747.

EZEKIEL, b. Feb. 14, 1748.

SAMUEL, b. March 18, 1749. In 1765, he is named as a beneficiary in the will of David Balch and is mentioned as a "minor who lived with me." A short time before the making of the will his mother had m. 2d, Michael Dwinell, a cousin of David Balch's wife.

LUCY, b. Dec. 18, 1752; m. May 7, 1772, Abijah Wilkins. They removed to Amherst, N. H., where she d. before Sept. 30, 1788, when he m. 2nd, Sarah Farmer, of Manchester.

ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 10, 1754; d. Sept. 21, 1851, in Beverly; m. 1st, May 30, 1790, Samuel Carter; m. 2nd, William Tarbell.

16 Luke Averill, born in Topsfield, Aug. 2, 1699, was a yeoman, and lived in Topsfield. Constable in 1730; tithingman, 1739, 1756, 1760, 1765, 1769; member of school committee in 1751, was mentioned on the town records in 1756, as "Lieut." Luke Averill. In his will he gives to his widow, "half of the dwelling house from cellar to top," and annually, as long as she remains his widow, the following:—8 cords firewood, ready for the fire; 120 weight pork; 50 weight beef; 3 pecks salt; 1 bushel turnips; 1 bushel potatoes; 1-2 bushel beans; 8 bushels Indian corn; 2 bushels rye; 1 bushel winter apples; 8 lbs. sheep's wool; 15 lb. flax; 1 barrell "cyder;" 1 1-2 bushels malt; a small garden; two cows to be well kept summer and winter; use of horse to ride to meeting and elsewhere; 2 gals. molasses; 2 gals. rum, and cost and charge of doctor and nurse in case of sickness. At

15 Samuel Averill born in Topsfield, June 7, 1720, was a blacksmith and lived in Middleton. He married Sept. 8, 1742, Martha Clements of Salem, and died about 1766, administration being granted on his estate, Jan. 17, 1767. She survived him, and married, secondly, Nov. 27, 1764, Michael Dwinell of Topsfield. He died Sept. 19, 1770, and she married, third, April 4, 1774, Samuel Carter of Manchester.

Children, born in Middleton:

SUSANNA, b. Aug. 8, 1743.
 ELIZABETH, b. April --, 1745; probably m. Feb. 20, 1760, John Nichols of Middleton.
 20 BENJAMIN, b. Jan., 1747.
 BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 14, 1748.
 SAMUEL, b. March 18, 1749. In 1760, he is named as a beneficiary in the will of David Hatch and is mentioned as a "minor who lived with me." A short time before the making of the will his mother had m. 2d, Michael Dwinell, a cousin of David Hatch's wife.
 JUDY, b. Dec. 18, 1752; m. May 7, 1773, Asaph Whitman. They removed to Amherst, N. H., where she d. before Sept. 30, 1782, when he m. 2nd, Sarah Farmer of Manchester.
 ANNE, b. Dec. 10, 1754; d. Sept. 21, 1821, in Haverly; m. 1st, May 20, 1780, Samuel Carter; m. 2nd, William Tarbell.

16 Luke Averill born in Topsfield, Aug. 2, 1693, was a yeoman, and lived in Topsfield. Constantly in 1730; ichingman, 1739, 1746, 1750, 1765, 1769; member of school committee in 1751, was mentioned on the town records in 1750, as "Luke" Luke Averill. In his will he gives to his widow, "half of the dwelling house from cellar to top," and annually, as long as she remains his widow, the following:—8 cords firewood, ready for the fire; 120 weight pork; 50 weight beef; 3 pecks salt; 1 bushel turnips; 1 bushel potatoes; 1-2 bushel beans; 8 bushels Indian corn; 2 bushels rye; 1 bushel winter apples; 8 lbs. sheep's wool; 15 lb. flax; 1 barrel "cyder"; 1-2 bushels malt; a small garden; two cows to be well kept summer and winter; use of horse to ride to meeting and elsewhere; 2 gals. molasses; 2 gals. rum, and coat and charge of doctor and nurse in case of sickness. At

the probating of his will he is styled "gentleman." He married Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Peabody; and died April 16, 1776. She died May 22, 1790, ae. 84 y.

Children, born in Topsfield :

RUTH, b. Feb. 18, 1727-8; d. Jan. 16, 1747-8.

MARY, b. July 14, 1730; d. May 1, 1737.

MOSES, b. Jan. 25, 1732-3; d. May 3, 1737.

EBENEZER, b. Jan. 18, 1735-6. (Eleser, a youth, s. Luke, d. June 8, 1747.)

MOSES, b. Aug. 12, 1738; d. July 7, 1739.

21 ISAAC, b. June 2, 1740.

ELIJAH, b. March 14, 1742-3; d. Feb. 4, 1747-8.

SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 14, 1746; m. March 31, 1772, David Towne, jr.; and d. Oct. 24, 1836.

17 Paul Averill, born in Topsfield, Dec. 16, 1711, was a husbandman, and lived in Middleton. He married April 21, 1737,* Zeruiah How, and died in the winter of 1805-6, his will, dated Dec. 9, 1796, being proved Feb. 3, 1806.

Children, born in Middleton :

SARAH, b. July 26, 1738; d. Jan. 20, 1739-40.

JOHN, b. Jan. 2, 1740; m. Mary Bradford; b. 1742 in Middleton and d. Aug. 21, 1815; he d. May 21, 1815. Settled in Amherst, N. H. in 1763. Children : Naomi; Daniel; Mary, m. Benjamin Symonds; Anna, m. ——— McAllister; John; Jesse, m. and had John, who m. Clarissa Peabody of Middleton, and had one son, Nathaniel P. who d. Mar. 17, 1877 in Middleton.

22 PAUL, b. Sept. 27, 1742.

23 ELIJAH, b. April 28, 1745.

24 MARK, b. May 12, 1747.

SARAH, b. July 28, 1750; m. Daniel Stiles, Sept. 25, 1771; d. Sept. 20, 1805, in Middleton.

MARY, b. May 11, 1752; m. Feb. 14, 1771, Stephen Towne, jr. and removed to Sunderland, Vt. in 1786.

25 JOSEPH, b. Oct. 6, 1757.

18 Nathaniel Averill, born in Topsfield, April 27, 1747, was a yeoman and wheelwright, and lived in Topsfield. Soldier in the Revolution, marching to Lexington.

*He may have married, 1st, Feb. 3, 1736, at Wenham, Mary Symonds of Wenham.

the probability of his will he is styled "gentleman". He married Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Penhaly; and died April 18, 1776. She died May 22, 1799, at 84 y. Children, born in Topsfield:

- 1. Mary, b. Feb. 18, 1775; d. Jan. 18, 1778.
- 2. Mary, b. July 12, 1780; d. May 1, 1787.
- 3. Isaac, b. Jan. 25, 1782; d. May 2, 1787.
- 4. Hannah, b. Jan. 18, 1785; d. (Kisson), a youth, a. Isaac, d. June 8, 1797.
- 5. Thomas, b. Aug. 12, 1788; d. July 7, 1790.
- 6. Isaac, b. June 2, 1790.
- 7. William, b. March 11, 1792; d. Feb. 4, 1798.
- 8. Susan, b. Aug. 14, 1796; m. March 31, 1798, David Towne, Jr.; and d. Oct. 24, 1800.

17. Paul Averill, born in Topsfield, Dec. 10, 1771, was a husbandman, and lived in Middleton. He married April 21, 1797, * Zerviah How, and died in the winter of 1805; his will, dated Dec. 9, 1796, being proved Feb. 3, 1805.

Children, born in Middleton:

- 1. Sarah, b. July 20, 1773; d. Jan. 20, 1793.
- 2. John, b. Jan. 2, 1776; m. Mary Howland, b. 1742 in Middleton and d. Aug. 21, 1816; he d. May 21, 1816. Settled in Amherst, N. H. in 1783. Children: Naomi; Daniel; Mary, m. Benjamin Symonds; Anna, m. ————; Nathaniel; John; James, m. and had John, who m. Clarissa Penhaly of Middleton, and had one son, Nathaniel P., who d. Jan. 17, 1877 in Middleton.
- 3. Paul, b. Sept. 27, 1782.
- 4. William, b. April 28, 1786.
- 5. Mary, b. May 12, 1791.
- 6. Sarah, b. July 28, 1793; m. Daniel Selles, Sept. 20, 1771; d. Sept. 20, 1805, in Middleton.
- 7. Mary, b. May 11, 1795; m. Feb. 14, 1771, Stephen Towne, Jr. and removed to Sunderland, N. H. in 1791.
- 8. Joseph, b. Oct. 6, 1797.

18. Nathaniel Averill, born in Topsfield, April 27, 1747, was a yeoman and wheelwright, and lived in Topsfield. Soldier in the Revolution, returning to Lexington. He may have married, for Feb. 2, 1766, at Wrentham, Mary Symonds of Wrentham.

Selectmen in 1780-1784. He married, first, Dec. 16, 1766, Dorothy Perkins. She died May 6, 1767 "in her 18th year," and he married, second, Oct. 1, 1776, Hannah, daughter of Ephraim and Hepsibah Wildes. He died May 17, 1811, and his wife Hannah, survived him, dying Oct. 28, 1816, aged sixty-seven.

Children, born in Topsfield :

26 NATHANIEL PERKINS, b. May 1, 1767.

27 AZARIAH, b. Feb. 11, 1778.

AMMI, b. Aug. 17, 1779; lived in Topsfield; yeoman; and d., unm. April 18, 1822. By will dated July 15, 1816, he bequeathed his entire estate to "Mehitable, the present wife of my brother Moses."

LYDIA, b. March 3, 1782; d. Nov. 27, 1859; m. Sept. 25, 1806, Ebenezer Towne of Topsfield.

DOROTHY, bapt. April 2, 1784; m. Feb. 24, 1818, Abraham Gage. Lived in Middleton, where she d. June 5, 1861.

28 MOSES, b. June 5, 1786.

19 Daniel Averill, born in Topsfield, Dec. 3, 1730, was a yeoman, and lived in Topsfield. He married Joanna Hood, Feb. 27, 1759; and died March 4, 1801. She died Dec. 12, 1816, "occasioned by falling into the fire."

Children, born in Topsfield :

SARAH, b. June 20, 1760; d. unm. Feb. 8, 1839, of cancer.

29 DANIEL, b. June 12, 1762.

SOLOMON, b. Sept. 1, 1765; d. April 1, 1766.

JOANNA, b. March 7, 1767; probably m. Nov. 23, 1786, Thomas Willis (Wildes?). When her father made his will in 1800 she is mentioned as the wife of "Shays."

30 SOLOMON, b. Aug. 20, 1769.

MEHITABLE, b. Aug. 16, 1774; m. Nov. 15, 1793, Silas Beckford, and d. Sept. 1, 1845.

20 Benjamin Averill* born in Middleton, Jan. 17, 1747, married, 1st, in Ipswich, Nov. 9, 1769, Sarah Blye, she died and he married, 2nd (int. Dec. 21, 1772), Mrs. Mary, widow of John Pitman, and daughter of Dr. Francis and Mary Holmes. By trade a "Leather Breeches maker." He was a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting in

*1778, John Chapman, glover, was succeeded by his apprentices, P. Rust and B. Averill.—*Felt's History of Ipswich.*

Solomon in 1780-1784. He married, first, Dec. 10, 1780, Dorothy Perkins. She died May 6, 1787 "in her 13th year," and he married, second, Oct. 1, 1776, Hannah, daughter of Ephraim and Deborah Wilder. He died May 17, 1811, and his wife Hannah, survived him, dying Oct. 22, 1816, aged sixty-seven.

Children, born in Topsfield:

20 Nathaniel, b. May 1, 1787.

21 Aaron, b. Feb. 11, 1778.

AARON, b. Feb. 11, 1778; lived in Topsfield; groom; and d. when Aaron is 1823. By will dated July 10, 1810, he bequeathed his entire estate to "Nathaniel, the present wife of my brother Moses."

LARIN, b. March 2, 1782; d. Nov. 21, 1802; m. Sept. 25, 1804.

Hessetown, Town of Topsfield.

Dorothy, b. April 2, 1784; m. Feb. 24, 1810, Abraham Case.

Lived in Middleton, where she d. June 6, 1801.

22 Moses, b. June 6, 1780.

19 Daniel Averill, born in Topsfield, Dec. 2, 1780, was a yeoman, and lived in Topsfield. He married Jo-
anna Hood, Feb. 27, 1789; and died March 4, 1801. She died Dec. 12, 1810, "occasionally by falling into the fire."
Children, born in Topsfield:

SAVAN, b. June 30, 1790; d. when Feb. 8, 1823, of cancer.

23 Daniel, b. June 12, 1792.

SOLON, b. Sept. 1, 1795; d. April 1, 1798.

JOANNA, b. March 1, 1797; probably m. Nov. 27, 1798, Thomas

Wills (Wilder). When her father made his will in 1800

she is mentioned as the wife of "Shays."

24 Solomon, b. Aug. 23, 1799.

MENNA, b. Aug. 16, 1794; m. Nov. 15, 1795, Elias Beakford,

and d. Sept. 1, 1810.

20 Benjamin Averill, born in Middleton, Jan. 17, 1747, married, first, in Ipswich, Nov. 9, 1769, Sarah Hily, and died and he married, second (Dec. 21, 1772), Mrs. Mary White of John Pinnon, and daughter of Dr. Francis and Mary Holmes. By trade a "leather dresser maker." He was a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting in

"With John Chapman, Esq., was associated by his representative, T. Hunt and B. Averill, Esq., in the purchase of land."

1780 for 6 months. He was 5 ft. 7 in. tall and of a light complexion. He lived in Ipswich and died about 1782.

Children by first wife:

31 BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 9, 1770, in Middleton (baptized Dec. 16, 1770 in Ipswich).

FRANCIS HOLMES. His name was afterwards changed to Francis Holmes. Lived in Boston. Married; had 4 children.

Child by second wife:

PEGGY, bp. Nov. 18, 1781, in Ipswich.

21 Lieut. Isaac Averill, born in Topsfield, June 2, 1740, was a carpenter and lived in Topsfield. In the inventory of his estate were surveying instruments, buildings and 160 ac. of land and a pew in the meeting house, \$100. Constable in 1771; selectman, 1778, 1779, 1790-1792, 1794, 1795. He was styled "Lieut." in 1791. Soldier in the Revolution, marching to Lexington. He married Dec. 22, 1761, Priscilla Peabody; and died June 23, 1816. She died Feb. 4, 1815, ae. 71 years.

Children, born in Topsfield:

32 ELIJAH, b Dec. 21, 1762.

JOSEPH, b. Oct. 28, 1764; m. Dec. 24, 1801, Eunice, dau. John and Anna Lamson. She d. Apr. 8, 1850 aged 77 years and he d. Dec. 31, 1850. Inherited his father's "French gun." Lived in Topsfield and was popularly known as "Neighbor Joe."

ISAAC, b. Aug. 2, 1767; d. Sept. 20, 1800.*

33 MOSES, bapt. Oct. 1, 1769.

PHEBE, bapt. May 3, 1772; m. (pub. March 6, 1796), John Batchelder, jr., and d. Sept. 26, 1839.

34 LUKE, bapt. Nov. 21, 1779. "It being the first Child ye Revd Mr Breck Bp. after his ordination."—*Church Rds.*

*"DIED. At Topsfield, Sept. 20th, after a short illness, Isaac Averell, jun. A. M. aged 33—Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He had received a call for settlement from the church and society in Brookfield, South parish, and had given them an affirmative answer. The 1st day of October next was assigned for his ordination. His numerous acquaintance will long remember him as a man of friendship, sobriety and virtue; and by his death the people whose choice united in him as their servant in the Lord are subjected to a very afflictive disappointment. *'O fallacem hominum spem, fragilemque fortunam.'*"—*Salem Gazette*, Sept. 23, 1800.

1780 for 6 months. He was 5 ft 7 in. tall and of a light complexion. He lived in Ipswich and died about 1782. Children by first wife:

81 Benjamin, b. Oct. 9, 1770, in Middleton (baptized Dec. 20, 1770 in Ipswich).
 Francis Holmes. His name was afterwards changed to Francis Holmes. Lived in Boston. Married; had 4 children.

Child by second wife:

Procy, b. Nov. 18, 1781, in Ipswich.

82 Lieut. Isaac Averill, born in Topsfield, June 2, 1740, was a carpenter and lived in Topsfield. In the inventory of his estate were surveying instruments, buildings and 100 ac. of land and a pew in the meeting house, \$100. Constable in 1771; selectman, 1778, 1779, 1790-1792, 1794, 1795. He was styled "Lieut." in 1791. Soldier in the Revolution, marching to Lexington. He married Dec. 22, 1761, Priscilla Peabody; and died June 23, 1816. She died Feb. 4, 1815, at 71 years.

Children, born in Topsfield:

83 Hannah, b. Dec. 21, 1782.

Joseph, b. Oct. 28, 1784; m. Dec. 24, 1801, Eunice, dau. John and Anna Larson. She d. Apr. 6, 1850 aged 77 years and he d. Dec. 31, 1850. Inherited his father's "French gun." Lived in Topsfield and was popularly known as "Neighbor Joe."

Isaac, b. Aug. 2, 1787; d. Sept. 20, 1800.*

84 Moses, bapt. Oct. 1, 1789.

Francis, bapt. May 3, 1773; m. (prob. March 6, 1795), John Hatchelder, Jr., and d. Sept. 20, 1820.

85 Luke, bapt. Nov. 21, 1779. "It being the first Child of Revd

Mr. Beek Hq. after his ordination."--(Larkin A.A.)

*Died. At Topsfield, Sept. 20, 1800, after a short illness, Isaac Averill, son of A. M. aged 22--Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He had received a call for service from the church and society in Topsfield, and had given them an impressive answer. The last day of his life was assigned for his ordination. His numerous acquaintances with whom he was popularly known as a man of friendship, activity and virtue, and by his death the people whose church united in him as their servant in the Lord are subjected to a very serious deprivation. Obituary notice from Ipswich Register,--Sept. 25, 1800.

22 Paul Averill, born in Middleton, Sept. 27, 1742, was a yeoman, and lived in Andover. Soldier in the Revolution, marching to Lexington. He married March 10, 1772, Deborah Foster in Andover; and died in 1804; his wife probably died Dec. 27, 1826.

Children :

JOHN, bp. Nov. 23, 1772 in Andover; d. young.

JOHN, b. Nov. 16, 1776; yeoman; lived in Andover; m. Nov. 13, 1794, Betsey Austin; he d. Dec. 7, 1818; and she d. Nov. 13, 1826, aged 54 years. Had: Elizabeth, b. Mar. 10, 1795.

DEBORAH, m. Moses Wilkins of Middleton, Feb. 19, 1793.

BETSEY, bp. Oct. 24, 1790, in Andover; m. (int. Dec. 20, 1810) James Pettingill.

23 Elijah Averill, born in Middleton, April 28, 1745, was a cordwainer, and bought, in 1775, the farm in Boxford (lately in the occupation of George Perley) on which he settled. He married Jan. 4, 1776, Hannah Perkins. Administration was granted on his estate Nov. 5, 1782; and his wife survived him, marrying, secondly, Joseph Peabody, 2d, May 25, 1790. She died in Middleton, Mar. 17, 1825.

Child, born in Boxford:

HANNAH, b. March 16, 1777; d., unm. in Middleton, Nov. 20, 1801, at the age of twenty-four, being affianced to Jonathan Kenney.

24 Mark Averill, born in Middleton, May 12, 1747, was a yeoman, and succeeded his father on the homestead

22 Paul Averyll, born in Middleton, Sept. 27, 1762, was a yeoman and lived in Andover. Soldier in the Revolution, according to Lexington. He married Mary 10, 1772, Deborah Foster in Andover; and died in 1804; his wife probably died Dec. 27, 1826.

Children:

John, b. Nov. 28, 1772 in Andover; d. young.
 John, b. Nov. 16, 1776; yeoman; lived in Andover; m. Nov. 13, 1793, Mary Austin; he d. Dec. 7, 1815; and she d. Nov. 13, 1836, aged 64 years. Had: Elizabeth, b. Dec. 16, 1795.
 Deborah, m. Moses Wilkins of Middleton, Feb. 18, 1798.
 Henry, b. Dec. 24, 1790, in Andover; m. (m. Dec. 20, 1819), James Pettigill.

23 Elijah Averyll, born in Middleton, April 28, 1746, was a cordwainer, and bought in 1775, the farm in Boxford (later in the occupation of George Farley) on which he settled. He married Jan. 4, 1776, Hannah Perkins. Administration was granted on his estate Nov. 6, 1782; and his wife survived him, marrying, secondly, Joseph Farley, 2d, May 25, 1790. She died in Middleton, Mar. 17, 1823.

Child, born in Boxford:

Hannah, b. March 16, 1777; d. born in Middleton, Nov. 20, 1801, at the age of twenty-four, being betrothed to Jonathan Kenney.

24 Mark Averyll, born in Middleton, May 12, 1747, was a yeoman, and succeeded his father on the homestead

in Middleton, where he was living in 1798. He married June 8, 1775, Dorcas Foster of Andover.

Children, born in Middleton :

JOHN, b. Feb. 27, 1776; m. Dec. 29, 1825, Sarah A. Porter of Andover, where they lived. No children. He d. June —, 1838, she d. July 8, 1859.

EPHRAIM, b. April 2, 1780; m. May 23, 1825, Sally Tapley of Lynnfield. Lived in Derry, N. H. No children.

ELIJAH, b. Dec. 10, 1789; m. Lived in Litchfield, N. H. Had a son and perhaps other children.

FOSTER, b. Sept. 20, 1792; m. Martha R——, and had Henry (drowned); John, lived in Londonderry, N. H.; Mason, lived in Londonderry, N. H.; Ephraim, lived in Missouri; Dorcas, m. ——— Grant, and lived in Gilmantown, N. H.; Sarah, m. Lewis Stiles and lived in Lowell; Eda Ann, m. ——— Ballou, and lived in Alexandria.

25 Joseph Averill, born in Middleton, Oct. 6, 1757, was a yeoman, and lived in Middleton. He married, first Dec. 12, 1780, Susanna Pettingill of Andover. She died in Middleton, Sept. 20, 1813, aged fifty-seven; and he married, second, (int. Apr. 10, 1814), Mrs. Rachel (Lefavour) Pettengill, widow of Moses Pettengill. He died in Middleton, Dec. 9, 1816; and she died Dec. 24, 1846, in Middleton, aged 68 years.

Children, born in Middleton :

35 BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 22, 1781.

MOLLY, b. Jan. 3, 1783; m. Nov. 5, 1805, Moses Stiles of Boxford, and was living in 1816.

BETSEY, b. Oct. 13, 1786; d. in Middleton, unm. Nov. 3, 1814.

SUSANNA, b. Oct. 20, 1789; d. Jan. 16, 1792.

35A JOSEPH, b. Dec. 15, 1792.

SUSANNA, b. March 6, 1795; m. Jan. 11, 1816, Ebenezer Nichols of Reading. Lived in South Danvers, now Peabody.

26 Nathaniel Perkins Averill, born in Topsfield, May 1, 1767, was a yeoman, and lived in Topsfield. Selectman in 1801, 1802. He married April 12, 1791, Hannah, daughter Thomas and Margaret Wood. She died Sept. 13, 1816, aged 53 years.

in Middleton, where he was living in 1798. He married June 8, 1773, Dorcas Foster of Andover. Children, born in Middleton:

John, b. Feb. 27, 1775; m. Dec. 29, 1825, Sarah A. Foster of Andover, where they lived. No children. He d. June 1825, aged 50 years.
 Hannah, b. April 2, 1780; m. May 22, 1825, Sally Tapley of Ipswich. Lived in Derry, N. H. No children.
 Ezzau, b. Dec. 16, 1780; m. lived in Litchfield, N. H. Had a son and perhaps other children.
 Rose, b. Sept. 20, 1782; m. March 8, —, and had Henry (borned); John, lived in Londonderry, N. H.; Mason, lived in Londonderry, N. H.; Ephraim, lived in Middletown, N. H.; ——— Grant and lived in Grafton, N. H.; Sarah, m. Lewis Sells and lived in Lowell; Eda Ann, m. ——— Ballou, and lived in Alexandria.

35 Joseph Averill, born in Middleton, Oct. 6, 1757, was a yeoman, and lived in Middleton. He married, first Dec. 12, 1780, Susanna Pettengill of Andover. She died in Middleton, Sept. 30, 1813, aged fifty-seven; and he married, second, (int. Apr. 10, 1811), Mrs. Rachel (Lea- your) Pettengill, widow of Moses Pettengill. He died in Middleton, Dec. 9, 1816; and she died Dec. 24, 1816, in Middleton, aged 68 years.
 Children, born in Middleton:

36 BERTAMIN, b. Feb. 22, 1751.
 MARY, b. Jan. 2, 1752; m. Nov. 6, 1806, Moses Sells of Ber- ford, and was living in 1816.
 BETSEY, b. Oct. 12, 1756; d. in Middleton, ann. Nov. 3, 1814.
 SUSANNA, b. Oct. 20, 1759; d. Jan. 16, 1793.
 37A JOSEPH, b. Dec. 15, 1762.
 SUSANNA, b. March 6, 1765; m. Jan. 17, 1816, Ebenezer Nichols of Hingham. Lived in South Danvers, now Tisbury.

38 Nathaniel Perkins Averill, born in Topsfield, May 1, 1757, was a yeoman, and lived in Topsfield. He married April 12, 1781, Selucman in 1801, 1802. He married April 12, 1781, Hannah, daughter Thomas and Margaret Wood. She died Sept. 12, 1816, aged 58 years.

Children, born in Topsfield :

STEPHEN P., b. Jan. 16, 1792; m. Dec. 13, 1818, at Danvers, Annah Moore of Topsfield. She d. Jan. 16, 1838, of consumption, aged 40 years.

DOLLY, b. Nov. 18; 1794; d. unm. Dec. 3, 1879 at Salem.

36 THOMAS, b. March 21, 1798.

37 NATHANIEL PERKINS, b. Oct. 25, 1803.

38 AARON PERKINS, b. May, 1810.

27 Azariah Averill, born in Topsfield, Feb. 11, 1778; married, Sept. 10, 1799, Sarah A., daughter of Jacob and Rachel Towne. She died in Salem, a widow, Sept. 6, 1842. Lived in Topsfield, Beverly and Salem.

Children :

SARAH, b. Aug. 3, 1800, in Topsfield; m. Feb. 9, 1829, John Sawyer.

HIRAM, b. Aug. 3, 1802, at Topsfield; d. at sea, aged 17.

IRENE A., b. Aug. 23, 1804, in Topsfield; m. Feb. 10, 1833, Humphrey G. Hubbard of Topsfield.

MARY, b. Feb. 25, 1807, in Beverly; m. (int. May 10, 1829), William R. Hubbard of Topsfield.

ELIZA, b. Feb. 25, 1807, in Beverly; d. Nov. 8, 1831; m. July 1, 1830, Humphrey G. Hubbard of Topsfield.

MOSES, b. Oct. 9, 1809, in Beverly; d. June 3, 1848, in Danvers.

39 EPHRAIM, b. Feb. 28, 1813, in Topsfield.

RACHEL, b. April 16, 1816, in Salem; m. Nov. 28, 1832, Samuel Clifford of Topsfield.

28 Moses Averill, born June 5, 1786, in Topsfield; married, Oct. 18, 1808, Mehitable Merrill of New Rowley, now Georgetown.

Children :

MOSES, b. Oct. 8, 1808, in Topsfield; d. Nov. 4, 1808.

SALINDA, b. Aug. 18, 1809, in Topsfield; unm.

40 ROYAL AUGUSTUS, b. May 10, 1811, in Topsfield; m. and lived in Stoneham.

HANNAH, b. June 3, 1813, in Topsfield; m. Mar. 13, 1832, Capt. Simon F. Estey; lived in Middleton.

ELIZABETH B., b. May 14, 1816, in Topsfield; m. Oct. 24, 1841, Joseph N. Pope of Topsfield; no children.

JOHN MERRILL, b. Mar. 22, 1826, in Middleton; shoemaker; d. unm. May 9, 1846, in Middleton; buried in Lynn.

Children born in Topsfield:

Esther P. b. Jan. 16, 1789; m. Dec. 12, 1818, at Danvers.
 Hannah Moore of Topsfield. She b. Jan. 16, 1828, of con-
 -sumption, aged 49 years.

Dorcy, b. Nov. 18, 1784; d. ann. Dec. 8, 1870 at Salem.

36 THOMAS b. March 25, 1785.

37 NATHANIEL FRANKLIN, b. Oct. 23, 1803.

38 ASHON FRANKLIN, b. May, 1810.

37 ASHON AVERILL, born in Topsfield, Feb. 11,
 1778; married, Sept. 10, 1793, Sarah A., daughter of
 Jacob and Rachel Towne. She died in Salem, a widow,
 Sept. 6, 1841. Lived in Topsfield, Haverly and Salem.

Children:

SARAH, b. Aug. 8, 1809, in Topsfield; m. Feb. 9, 1829, John
 Sawyer.

HENRY, b. Aug. 8, 1803, at Topsfield; d. at sea, aged 17.

IRVING A., b. Aug. 22, 1804, in Topsfield; m. Feb. 10, 1832, Har-
 phy G. Hubbard of Topsfield.

MARY, b. Feb. 22, 1807, in Haverly; m. (last May 10, 1829), Wil-
 liam R. Hubbard of Topsfield.

ELIZA, b. Feb. 22, 1807, in Haverly; d. Nov. 8, 1831; m. July 1,
 1830, Humphrey G. Hubbard of Topsfield.

MEANS, b. Oct. 9, 1809, in Haverly; d. June 3, 1848, in Danvers.

39 KENNETH, b. Feb. 22, 1810, in Topsfield.

RAEGER, b. April 14, 1810, in Salem; m. Nov. 28, 1832, Samuel
 Child of Topsfield.

38 MOSES AVERILL, born June 5, 1786, in Topsfield;
 married, Oct. 18, 1808, Melinda Merrill of New Row-
 ley, now Georgetown.

Children:

MOSES, b. Oct. 5, 1808, in Topsfield; d. Nov. 4, 1895.

SARINDA, b. Aug. 18, 1809, in Topsfield; m. 1831.

40 ROYAL AUGUSTUS, b. May 19, 1811, in Topsfield; m. and lived
 in Stoneham.

HARRIS, b. June 8, 1812, in Topsfield; m. Mar. 12, 1832, Capt.
 Simon F. Eaton; lived in Middleton.

KENNETH H., b. May 24, 1816, in Topsfield; m. Oct. 24, 1841.

JOSEPH N. FORD of Topsfield; no children.

JOHN HARRIS, b. Mar. 22, 1816, in Middleton; shoemaker; d.
 ann. May 9, 1816, in Middleton; buried in Lynn.

41 **MOSES ABBA**, b. Dec. 20, 1827 (1828. Danvers Rds.), in Middleton.

ENOCH FAULKNER, b. April 13, 1830, in Middleton; m. Anna S. Hatch; lived in Lynn, where he d. in 1906.

MEHITABLE MERRILL, b. Aug. 1, 1833, in Middleton; d. unm. Nov. 3, 1897. Lived in Lynn. "Was a physician of good repute."

29 Daniel Averill, born in Topsfield, June 12, 1762, was a husbandman, and lived in Topsfield; soldier in the Revolution. He married, July 7, 1795, Betsey Clinton. She was born in Danvers. He died Jan. 11, 1845, and she died Dec. 10, 1854, at the almshouse, aged 80 years.

Children:

DANIEL, b. Jan. 3, 1796; d. April 6, 1838.

JACOB, b. Feb. 26, 1799; d. unm. Dec. 21, 1837. Was insane the later part of his life.

EUNICE, b. June 4, 1805; m. (int. Oct. 2, 1825), Lieut. William MacKenzie of Waltham, Vt.

NABBY, b. Nov. 18, 1807; m. Sept. 27, 1830, Samuel Beckford.

30 Solomon Averill, born in Topsfield, Aug. 20, 1769, was a farmer, and lived in Topsfield. He married, March 11, 1794, Anna, daughter of John and Anna Towne of Boxford, and died Feb. 23, 1855. She died March 24, 1851, aged 83 years.

Children, born in Topsfield:

ANNIS, b. May 6, 1795; m. Oct. 7, 1818, Samuel Blaisdell.

ASA, b. Nov. 16, 1797; m., and lived in Reading.

42 **CYRUS**, b. Oct. 30, 1802.

31 Benjamin Averill, born in Middleton, Oct. 9, 1770; married, Oct. 15, 1791, Elizabeth, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Lord) Andrews of Ipswich. Cooper. Lived in Ipswich. At his father's death, Stephen Dutch of Ipswich was appointed his guardian. Served on a privateer during the Revolution, securing \$500 prize money. Was "Ensign" in the militia in 1800. He died in Ipswich, Feb. 6, 1841, and she died Aug. 30, 1843, aged 73 years.

41. MARY ANN, b. Dec. 20, 1827 (1828, Danvers Pds.), in Middle-

sex. ERIC FAULKNER, b. April 12, 1830, in Middleton; m. Anna E. (Mackenzie) in 1850; where he d. in 1868.

MARTIN MERRILL, b. Aug. 1, 1833, in Middleton; d. same.

Nov. 2, 1837. Lived in Ipswich. Was a physician of good reputation.

39. Daniel Averill, born in Topsfield, June 12, 1762, was a husbandman, and lived in Topsfield; soldier in the Revolution. He married, July 7, 1795, Betsey Clinton. She was born in Danvers. He died Jan. 11, 1845, and she died Dec. 10, 1854, at the almshouse, aged 30 years. Children:

DANIEL, b. Jan. 2, 1796; d. April 2, 1838. JACOB, b. Feb. 26, 1799; d. same Dec. 21, 1837. Was lame the later part of his life.

ERIC, b. June 4, 1805; m. Jan. 2, 1825, Eliza Mackenzie of Waltham, Vt.

MARY, b. Nov. 18, 1807; m. Sept. 27, 1830, Samuel Beckford.

30. Solomon Averill, born in Topsfield, Aug. 20, 1769, was a farmer, and lived in Topsfield. He married, March 11, 1794, Anna, daughter of John and Anna Towne of Buxford, and died Feb. 25, 1855. She died March 24, 1851, aged 82 years. Children, born in Topsfield:

ANNE, b. May 6, 1795; m. Oct. 7, 1818, Samuel Blaisdell.

ASA, b. Nov. 16, 1797; m., and lived in Reading.

42. CYRUS, b. Oct. 30, 1802.

31. Benjamin Averill, born in Middleton, Oct. 9, 1770; married, Oct. 15, 1794, Elizabeth, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Lord) Andrews of Ipswich. George lived in Ipswich. At his father's death, Stephen Dutch of Ipswich was appointed his guardian. Served on a privateer during the Revolution, securing \$500 prize money. Was "knighted" in the militia in 1800. He died in Ipswich, Feb. 6, 1841, and she died Aug. 30, 1843, aged 73 years.

Children, born in Ipswich:

A daughter, b. and d. Oct. 26, 1791.

ELIZABETH, b. April 15, 1793; d. unm. Aug. 17, 1872, in Ipswich.

43 BENJAMIN, b. June 20, 1796; d. April 9, 1872.

JOSEPH, b. Sept. 11, 1800; d. Sept. 20, 1800.

SARAH, b. Aug. 28, 1801; d. Dec. 3, 1828; m. July 23, 1820, Israel K. Jewett of Ipswich; 7 children.

44 JAMES KIMBALL, b. Mar. 19, 1804.

LUCY ANN, b. May 6, 1807; d. unm. Sept. 2, 1824.

45 WARREN, b. July 6, 1809.

46 WILLIAM TARBELL, b. April 13, 1811.

32 Elijah Averill, born in Topsfield, Dec. 21, 1762, was a housewright, and lived in Topsfield. Selectman in 1798. He received, in 1776, by will from his grandfather, "the sword that was my Father's," i. e., Ebenezer Averill, born 1669. He married, May 6, 1788, Mary Gould, daughter Maj. Joseph and Elizabeth Gould. She died Sept. 7, 1797, æ. 36 years, and he died Aug. 4, 1813. In his inventory of estate were pump making tools, \$18.00.

Children:

MARY, b. Feb. 11, 1789; d. June 26, 1876; m. Nov. 30, 1809, John Gould, 3d.

PRISCILLA, b. May 17, 1792; d. Aug. 12, 1872, in Beverly; m. Sept. 22, 1812, Capt. John Lamson.

ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 4, 1797; d. Nov. 21, 1895; m. (int. Oct. 12, 1834), Dr. John Porter of Wenham. At time of m. she was of Boston.

33 Moses Averill, baptized in Topsfield, Oct. 1, 1769, married, Dec. 15, 1796, Sarah Clarke, and died July 29, 1798.* She married, 2nd, Nov. 6, 1831, Capt. Joseph Sawyer, and died, June 2, 1841, aged 69 years.

Children, born in Topsfield:

Infant twin children, d. between Oct. 10-Nov. 30, 1797.

SARAH, b. Sept. 23, 1798; living in 1814.

*DIED. At Topsfield, Mr. Moses Averell, aged 29; who, in the various relations of life, exhibited an amiable succession of the social and christian virtues.—*Salem Gazette*, Aug. 7, 1798.

Children, born in Ipswich:

A daughter, b. and d. Oct. 20, 1791.
Elizabeth, b. April 15, 1793; d. Nov. 17, 1873, in
Ipswich.

43 Benjamin, b. June 20, 1795; d. April 9, 1872.
Joseph, b. Sept. 11, 1800; d. Sept. 30, 1866.
Sarah, b. Aug. 28, 1801; d. Dec. 3, 1878; m. July 28, 1820,
James K. Jewett of Ipswich; 7 children.

44 James Kimball, b. Mar. 19, 1804.
Lucy Ann, b. May 6, 1807; d. Nov. 2, 1834.

45 Warren, b. July 6, 1809.
46 William Warren, b. April 13, 1811.

32 Elijah Averill, born in Topsfield, Dec. 21, 1762,
was a housewright, and lived in Topsfield. Selectman in
1798. He received, in 1776, by will from his grand-
father, "the sword that was my father's," i. e., Ebenezer
Averill, born 1688. He married, May 6, 1788, Mary
Gould, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Gould. She
died Sept. 7, 1797, at 30 years, and he died Aug. 4, 1813.
In his inventory of estate were pump making tools,
\$18.00.

Children:

Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1789; d. June 20, 1870; m. Nov. 30, 1800, John
Gould, 3d.

Francis, b. May 17, 1792; d. Aug. 12, 1873, in Haverly; m.
Sept. 22, 1815, Capt. John Lamson.

Elizabeth, b. Sept. 4, 1797; d. Nov. 25, 1865; m. (in Oct. 12,
1821), Dr. John Porter of Weymouth. At time of m. she was
of Boston.

33 Moses Averill, baptized in Topsfield, Oct. 1,
1769, married, Dec. 15, 1790, Sarah Clarke, and died July
29, 1798. She married, 2nd, Nov. 6, 1831, Capt. Joseph
Sawyer, and died, June 2, 1841, aged 68 years.

Children, born in Topsfield:

Infant twin children, d. between Oct. 10-Nov. 20, 1797.

Sarah, b. Sept. 23, 1798; living in 1814.

Notes: At Topsfield, Mr. Moses Averill, aged 70; was in the various relations
of his father as a housewright, and as a selectman and Christian minister.
Died Gould, Sept. 7, 1797.

34 Luke Averill, born in Topsfield, Sept. 20, 1779; married Dec. 21, 1813, Sally, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Batchelder) Foster of Rowley; she died April 11, 1873, aged 78. He was a yeoman and lived at "The Colleges." He was run over by a wagon and killed, July 20, 1821. In the inventory of his estate appears the item: "cavalry equipments."

Children, born in Topsfield:

MEHITABLE FOSTER, b. March 28, 1814; d. Jan., 1899 in Reading, Mass.; m. March 28, 1833, Benjamin F. Adams of Topsfield.

LYDIA ANN, b. May 20, 1816; d. Sept. 25, 1847; m. April 22, 1840 in Ipswich, Israel Wildes, afterwards of Topsfield.

ISAAC NEWTON, b. Aug. 7, 1819; m. 1st, May 17, 1849, Mary S., dau. of Asa and Selina Bradstreet of Georgetown. She d. Dec. 28, 1851, aged 29, having had one child: Lydia Ann, b. July 9, 1851; d. Sept. 11, 1851, at Ipswich. He m. 2d, March 19, 1857, Mary E., dau. of John C. and Elizabeth Wilson of Annapolis, N. S. She d. Aug. 20, 1880, aged 62. Shoe operative; lived in Topsfield where he d. Oct. 29, 1906.

35 Benjamin Averill, born Feb. 22, 1781, in Middleton; married, June 2, 1808, Hannah, daughter of Andrew and Ruth (Curtis) Peabody of Middleton. She was born Aug. 22, 1783, and died Feb. 4, 1854. He died Aug. 13, 1849.

Children, all born in Middleton:

HANNAH, b. Sept. 23, 1808; d. unm. May 8, 1884.

RUTH, b. Oct. 4, 1810; d. Apr. 21, 1891; m. 1st, Apr. 2, 1835, Barzillai Gould; 2 children. He d. Oct. 24, 1848 and she m. 2d, Dec. 10, 1856, Rev. John Gillingham of Bradford and Warren, N. H.

47 BENJAMIN, b. June 30, 1812.

48 ANDREW PEABODY, b. June 5, 1815.

49 JOSEPH, b. March 31, 1818.

EBENEZER HUBBARD, b. Feb. 4, 1820; d. Sept. 30, 1849.

50 EDWARD PUTNAM, b. Nov. 23, 1821.

ALFRED AUGUSTUS, b. Mar. 8, 1825; m. Mar. 15, 1868, Martha J., dau. of Samuel W. and Polly (Gould) Weston. She was b. June 26, 1838, and d. Oct. 22, 1908 in Middleton.

34. Isaac Averill, born in Topsheld, Sept. 20, 1779; married Dec. 21, 1812, Sally, daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Hatch) Foster of Newbury; she died April 11, 1873, aged 78. He was a yeoman and lived at "The Col- lege". He was run over by a wagon and killed, July 20, 1831. In the inventory of his estate appears the item: "a cavalry equipment".

Children, born in Topsheld:

Mary Ann Foster, b. March 22, 1815; d. Jan., 1899 in Read- ington, Mass.; m. March 22, 1833, Benjamin F. Adams of Top- sheld.

Isaac Averill, b. May 20, 1816; d. Sept. 20, 1847; m. April 22, 1819, in Ipswich, Israel Wilkes, afterwards of Topsheld.

Isaac Newton, b. Aug. 7, 1819; m. May 17, 1840, Mary E., dau. of Asa and Selina Bradstreet of Georgetown. She d. Dec. 22, 1851, aged 32, having had one child: Lydia Ann, b. July 8, 1821; d. Sept. 11, 1851, at Ipswich. He m. 2d, March 10, 1834, Mary F., dau. of John O. and Elizabeth Wilson of Annapolis, N. S. She d. Aug. 20, 1880, aged 63. She oper- ated; lived in Topsheld where he d. Oct. 29, 1904.

35. Benjamin Averill, born Feb. 22, 1781, in Mid- dleton; married, June 2, 1808, Hannah, daughter of Ab- drew and Ruth (Gent) Peabody of Middleton. She was born Aug. 22, 1782, and died Feb. 4, 1851. He died Aug. 18, 1819.

Children, all born in Middleton:

Hannah, b. Sept. 22, 1808; d. Nov. May 5, 1884.

Ruth, b. Oct. 4, 1810; d. Apr. 21, 1891; m. 1st, Apr. 2, 1835, Har- rish Good; 2nd, John. He d. Oct. 24, 1848 and she m. 2d, Dec. 10, 1856, Rev. John Ellingham of Bradford and War- ren, N. H.

41. Benjamin, b. June 20, 1812.

42. Andrew Peabody, b. June 2, 1816.

43. Joseph, b. March 31, 1818.

44. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 4, 1820; d. Sept. 20, 1849.

45. Edward Peabody, b. Nov. 21, 1821.

46. Alfred Agostus, b. Mar. 8, 1823; m. Mar. 15, 1848, Martha J., dau. of Samuel W. and Ruth (Gent) Peabody. She was b. June 20, 1828, and d. Oct. 22, 1905 in Middleton.

35a Joseph Averill, born in Middleton, Dec. 15, 1792, was a farmer, and lived in that part of Andover that afterwards became North Andover. He married May 23, 1819, Elizabeth Averill, probably daughter of John and Betsey (Austin) Averill. She died Nov. 18, 1851 and he died Mar. 5, 1876.

Children, born in Andover :

ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 27, 1819.

JOHN, b. July 18, 1821; m. Oct. 31, 1854, Fidelia, dau. Jacob and Susanna Berry of Andover.

JOSEPH, b. Aug. 18, 1824; farmer; lived in North Andover; m. 1st, Nov. 18, 1856, Susan M. Perley of Boxford. She d. June 21, 1871, and he m. 2d, July 10, 1873, Eunice B. Perley, sister of his first wife. He d. Sept. 24, 1887 and she d. July 13, 1892. Had: (1) George Leonard, b. July 28, 1859; m. Dec. 20, 1883, Elvira Lake Towne of Topsfield. Farmer and lives in North Andover; (2) Mary Lizzie, b. Mar. 31, 1861; m. Apr. 9, 1895, Charles Walter Paul; (3) Florence Maria, b. Sept. 24, 1865.

GEORGE D., b. Sept. 10, 1830; shoemaker; d. unm. July 9, 1852.

36 Thomas Averill, born in Topsfield, March 21, 1798; married, Sept. 6, 1827, Sophronia, daughter of Dominick and Sarah (Perkins) Moore. She died May 2, 1874. Shoemaker and farmer; lived in Topsfield and died May 8, 1846.

Children, all born in Topsfield :

A CHILD, b. Feb. 4, 1828; d. Feb. 6, 1828.

51 THOMAS LEVERETT, b. Nov. 1, 1829.

52 EDWARD AUGUSTUS, b. May 3, 1832.

MARY ELLEN, b. June 15, 1835; m. — Patch.

GEORGE FRANKLIN, b. Jan. 6, 1844; m. Oct. 3, 1866, Lodie A., dau. of Daniel and Fanny (Small) Towne. Farmer and cider manufactnrer. Soldier in Civil War; 6 mos. service in Co. B, 7th Mass. Vols. and 100 days service in Co. I, 6th Mass. Vols.

37 Nathaniel Perkins Averill, born in Topsfield, Oct. 25, 1803, married Susan S. daughter of William and Jemima Silver.* He died at Salem of consumption, Nov.

*The marriage of Nathaniel P. Averill and Sarah Sheldon on June 6, 1819 is recorded at Danvers.

35a Joseph Averill, born in Middlebury, Dec. 15, 1792, was a farmer, and lived in that part of Andover that afterwards became North Andover. He married May 23, 1812, Elizabeth Averill, probably daughter of John and Betsey (Averill) Averill. She died Nov. 18, 1851 and he died Mar. 5, 1876.

Children, born in Andover:

Elizabeth, b. Sept. 27, 1813.
 John, b. July 18, 1821; m. Oct. 31, 1854, Fidelity, dau. Jacob and Susanna Berry of Andover.
 Joseph, b. Aug. 18, 1824; farmer; lived in North Andover; m. Feb. 19, 1855, Susan M. Terry of Haverhill. She d. Jan. 21, 1871, and he m. 2d July 10, 1873, Fannie B. Terry, sis-ter of his first wife. He d. Sept. 24, 1897 and she d. July 13, 1898. (1) George Leonard, b. July 28, 1852; m. Dec. 30, 1882, Fannie Lake Towns of Topsfield. Farmer and lives in North Andover. (2) Mary Fannie, b. June 21, 1861; m. Apr. 9, 1885, Charles Walter Park; (3) Florence Maria, b. Sept. 24, 1863.

George D., b. Sept. 10, 1830; shoemaker; d. Jan. 7, 1882.

36 Thomas Averill, born in Topsfield, March 21, 1798; married, Sept. 6, 1827, Sophronia, daughter of Dominick and Sarah (Perkins) Moore. She died May 2, 1874. Shoemaker and farmer; lived in Topsfield and died May 2, 1845.

Children, all born in Topsfield:

A child, b. Feb. 4, 1828; d. Feb. 8, 1828.
 37 Thomas Everett, b. Nov. 1, 1830.
 38 Edward Augustus, b. May 2, 1832.
 Mary Ellen, b. June 15, 1835; m. ——— Irish.
 George Franklin, b. Jan. 6, 1844; m. Oct. 2, 1865, Fidelity A., dau. of Daniel and Fanny (Small) Towns. Farmer and cider manufacturer. Soldier in Civil War; 6 mos. service in Co. B, 7th Mass. Vols. and 100 days service in Co. I, 6th Mass. Vols.

37 Nathaniel Perkins Averill, born in Topsfield, Oct. 25, 1808, married Susan B. daughter of William and Lemina Silver. He died at Salem of consumption, Nov.

The marriage of Nathaniel P. Averill and Sarah Gibson on June 4, 1810 is re-corded at Lawrence.

7, 1861. She died at Salem, May 10, 1867 aged 67 years and 4 months.

Child, born in Salem :

53 NATHANIEL S., b. July 4, 1835.

38 Aaron Perkins Averill, born in Topsfield, May, 1810, married Jan. 24, 1838, in Topsfield, Julia Ann Eastman. He died at Georgetown, Feb. 7, 1865, aged 54 y., 9 m.

Children, born in Topsfield :

EDWIN WALLACE, b. Aug. 5, 1838; d. Nov. 27, 1845.

MARTHA ANN, b. Sept. 19, 1841.

HARRIET WOOD, b. May 20, 1847.

38 Ephraim Averill, born in Topsfield, Feb. 28, 1813; married, first, April 11, 1833, Lydia Simonds Potter of Ipswich. She died Aug. 3, 1850, and he married, second, May 4, 1851, Mary Faulkner, daughter of Ebenezer and Lydia Towne. She became insane and died June 6, 1870, in Ipswich, aged 57. He possessed a fine bass voice and for many years conducted old time "singing schools." He died in Topsfield, Jan. 26, 1898.

Children, all born in Linebrook Parish, Ipswich :

ELIZA MARY, b. June 6, 1834; m. April 25, 1852, Charles Perkins of Topsfield, and d. Mar. 19, 1907.

54 EPHRAIM PERKINS, b. Mar. 9, 1836.

CAROLINE AUGUSTA, b. Jan. 11, 1841; m. 1st, May 10, 1859, Benjamin How of Ipswich; m. 2d, June 5, 1873, Thomas Potter of Ipswich; m. 3d, April 6, 1881, William H. Tozier of Ipswich. Lives in Ipswich.

40 Albert Augustus Averill, born in Topsfield, May 10, 1811, married, Sept. 15, 1839 at Danvers, Hannah M., daughter of Timothy and Clarissa Walton. She died at Stoneham, Mar. 3, 1852. He was named at birth Royal Augustus Averill, without doubt for Royal Augustus Merriam, M. D., the Topsfield physician. He went by the name of "Augustus" during his younger days but on attaining his majority he adopted the name Albert Augustus. Lived in Salem and Stoneham.

7, 1861. She died at Salem, May 10, 1867 aged 67 years and 4 months.
Child, born in Salem:

63 NATHANIEL S., b. July 4, 1833.

62 Aaron Perkins Averill, born in Topsfield, May, 1810, married Jan. 24, 1838, in Topsfield, John Ann Eastman. He died at Georgetown, Feb. 7, 1888, aged 64 years.

Children, born in Topsfield:

Rowen Wallace, b. Aug. 5, 1838; d. Nov. 21, 1845.

Mary Ann, b. Sept. 10, 1841.

Harriet Wood, b. May 20, 1847.

61 Ephraim Averill, born in Topsfield, Feb. 28, 1818; married, first, April 11, 1838, Lydia Simonds Potter of Ipswich. She died Aug. 8, 1850, and he married second, May 4, 1851, Mary Perkins, daughter of Ebenezer and Lydia Towne. She became insane and died June 6, 1870, in Ipswich, aged 57. He possessed a fine bass voice and for many years conducted old time singing schools. He died in Topsfield, Jan. 26, 1898.

Children, all born in Ipswich Parish, Ipswich:

ELINA MARY, b. June 6, 1851; m. April 25, 1882, Charles Perkins of Topsfield, and d. Mar. 19, 1907.

64 EPHRAIM PERKINS, b. Mar. 8, 1836.

65 AUGUSTUS AUGUSTUS, b. Jan. 11, 1841; m. May 10, 1859, Benjamin How of Ipswich; m. 2d, June 5, 1873, Thomas Potter of Ipswich; m. 3d, April 6, 1887, William H. Tozier of Ipswich. Lives in Ipswich.

40 Albert Augustus Averill, born in Topsfield, May 10, 1811, married, Sept. 15, 1839 at Danvers, Hannah M., daughter of Timothy and Christian Walton. She died at Stoneham, Mar. 8, 1862. He was named at birth Royal Augustus Averill, without doubt for Royal Augustus Merriam, M. D., the Topsfield physician. He went by the name of "Augustus" during his younger days but on attaining his majority he adopted the name Albert Augustus. Lived in Salem and Stoneham.

Children :

HANNAH JANE, b. June 7, 1841, in Salem.

ARCHANA MARIA, b. ———; m. Mar. 10, 1861, in Middleton,
Otis M. Clement of Stoneham.

ELECTRA P., b. July 7, 1848, in Salem; d. Aug. 25, 1848 in Salem.

ABBY L., b. Feb., 1852; d. July 28, 1852.

41 Moses Abba Averill, born Dec. 20, 1827 (1828. Danvers Rds.), in Middleton, married July 20, 1851, at Salem, Mary Jane Ellis, daughter of Dougal and Caroline C. (Fuller) Campbell, born at Newport, N. S. She died in Salem, Apr. 19, 1885, aged 57 years, and he died in Salem, Dec. 22, 1895. He was a shoemaker while a young man living in Danvers and afterwards removed to Salem when he became a policeman and court officer.

Children :

MOSES F., b. Mar. 23, 1852, in Peabody; d. Dec. 11, 1868, in Salem.

ARTHUR A., b. Oct., 1853 in Peabody; d. Feb. 19, 1902 in Salem.
Lawyer.

SALENDIA EVELYN, b. Sept. 23, 1864, in Salem; m. Sept. 10, 1884.
Robert S. Coblenz of Peabody. Lives in Salem.

42 Cyrus Averill, born in Topsfield, Oct. 30, 1802; married Dec. 8, 1828, Lavinia, daughter of Darius and Mary (Kezar) Dickenson of Ipswich. She died Dec. 21, 1888, aged 82. Farmer; lived in Topsfield and died March 10, 1891.

Children, all born in Topsfield :

ELMA LAVINIA, b. Oct. 23, 1830; d. Mar. 7, 1896, in Topsfield;
m. Aug. 15, 1857, George H. Davison, of Gloucester.

MARIA JANE, b. Oct. 11, 1832; d. Dec. 30, 1900 in Topsfield; m.
April, 1854, at Danvers, James R. Hobbs.

55 CYRUS AUSTIN, b. Aug. 10, 1834.

SARAH AMANDA, b. Oct. 29, 1836; m. Oct. 7, 1853, at Danvers,
Nathaniel Foster of Topsfield.

MARY BOYNTON, b. April 20, 1839; m. Feb. 25, 1870, Addison
Wonson of Gloucester.

JOHN FRANCIS, b. June 9, 1852; unm.; lives in Topsfield.

ELLEN FRANCES, b. June 18, 1843, *Family Record* (Cynthia Ellen,
Aug. 18, 1843—*Town Record.*); d. March 25, 1864, suicide by
poison.

Children:

HARRIS JANE, b. June 7, 1811, in Salem.
 ANNE MARY, b. —; m. Mar. 10, 1831, in Middleston.
 OGE M. GIBSON of Stoneham.
 ELIZABETH F., b. July 7, 1818, in Salem; d. Aug. 25, 1848 in Salem.
 ANNE E., b. Feb. 1823; d. July 28, 1852.

41. MOSES ABRAHAM AVERTIL, born Dec. 30, 1827 (1828, Danvers Rd.) in Middleston, married July 30, 1851, at Salem, Mary Jane Ellis, daughter of Daniel and Caroline C. (Parker) Campbell, born at Newbury, N. H. She died in Salem, Apr. 19, 1885, aged 57 years, and he died in Salem, Dec. 22, 1893. He was a shoemaker while a young man living in Danvers and afterwards removed to Salem when he became a policeman and court officer.

Children:

MASSIE F., b. Mar. 23, 1853, in Newbury; d. Dec. 11, 1883, in Salem.
 ARTHUR A., b. Oct. 1853 in Newbury; d. Feb. 19, 1903 in Salem.
 LAWYER.
 SARAH ANN EVELYN, b. Sept. 23, 1854, in Salem; m. Sept. 10, 1884.
 ROBERT E. GIBSON of Newbury. Lives in Salem.

42. CYRUS AVERTIL, born in Topsfield, Oct. 30, 1803; married Dec. 8, 1828, Lavina, daughter of Parus and Mary (Kear) Dickerson of Ipswich. She died Dec. 21, 1888, aged 82. Farmer; lived in Topsfield and died March 10, 1891.

Children, all born in Topsfield:

ELMA LAVINA, b. Oct. 23, 1830; d. Mar. 7, 1896, in Topsfield;
 m. Aug. 12, 1857, George H. Davison, of Gloucester.
 MARIA JANE, b. Oct. 11, 1832; d. Dec. 30, 1890 in Topsfield; m.
 April, 1854, at Danvers, James T. Noble.
 55. CYRUS AUSTIN, b. Aug. 10, 1834.
 SARAH ANN, b. Oct. 20, 1836; m. Oct. 7, 1853, at Danvers.
 NATHANIEL FOSTER of Topsfield.
 MARY HORTON, b. April 20, 1839; m. Feb. 23, 1870, Addison
 WOODMAN of Gloucester.
 JOHN FRANKLIN, b. June 2, 1833; m. —; lives in Topsfield.
 ELLEN FRANKLIN, b. June 18, 1842; m. —; lives in Topsfield.
 AUG. 18, 1843—TOWN RECORD; d. March 25, 1881, suicide by
 poison.

43 Benjamin Averill, born in Ipswich, June 20, 1798; married April 25, 1821, in Ipswich, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hodgkins) Jewett. Cooper. Removed to Salem in 1835, where he died April 9, 1872. She died Dec. 4, 1882, aged 81 years.

Children, born in Ipswich and Rowley :

ELIZABETH LORD, b. Aug. 14, 1821, in Ipswich; d. Sept. 16, 1822.

ELIZABETH LORD, b. Sept. 18, 1822, in Ipswich; d. unm., Nov. 8, 1903 at Salem.

LUCY ANN, b. Sept. 14, 1824, in Ipswich, d. Sept. 29, 1825.

SARAH JEWETT, b. June 6, 1826, in Ipswich; d. July 27, 1885 in Salem.

JOHN JEWETT, b. July 25, 1828, in Ipswich; d. July 9, 1897; m. June 14, 1855, Octavia W. Oliver of Bath, Me.; carpenter and foreman. Children: Daniel Webster Dodge, b. Sept. 9, 1860, in Salem; d. Sept. 4, 1875, in Salem; Julia M., b. Nov. 29, 1817, in Salem.

LUCY ANN, b. July 1, 1830, in Ipswich; m. April 1, 1860, Edward H. Randall. Lives in Salem.

HARRIET J., b. Jan. 2, 1832, in Ipswich; d. Nov. 4, 1907, unm., at Salem.

56 JAMES WILLIAM, b. Feb. 22, 1834, in Ipswich.

BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 26, 1835, in Rowley; carpenter and distiller; d. Mar. 2, 1879; m. Lucy J. Redmond. Had: Martha C., b. Sept. 15, 1861.

JOSEPH JEWETT, b. Dec. 13, 1836, in Rowley; d. May 18, 1836.

ELLEN HODGES, b. Jan. 2, 1839, in Rowley; m. at Fall River, June 19, 1902, Capt. Wm. Prescott Powers of Deer Isle, Me.

JOSEPH JEWETT (twin), b. June 10, 1841, in Rowley; painter; m. July 29, 1869, Cassandra D., dau. Thos. and Susan T. Maxfield. He d. at Salem, Feb. 6, 1903.

SAMUEL ANDREWS (twin), b. June 10, 1841, in Rowley; d. Aug. 2, 1842 in Salem.

GEORGE JEWETT, b. June 15, 1845, in Rowley; carriage painter; d. May 28, 1898; m. Jan. 20, 1876, Georgianna P., dau. George M. and Elizabeth (Gray) Saunders of Salem. Had: Harry Webster, b. Nov. 6, 1881.

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Elizabeth, born in Sept. 18, 1822, in Ipswich; d. Nov. 2, 1803 at Salem.

Lucy Ann, b. Sept. 14, 1824, in Ipswich; d. Sept. 20, 1825.
Sarah, born in June 6, 1826, in Ipswich; d. July 27, 1885, in Salem.

John, born in July 25, 1827, in Ipswich; d. July 2, 1897, in June 14, 1828, Octavia W. (born of Bath, Mass.) Carpenter and foreman. Children: Daniel Webster Dodge, b. Sept. 9, 1829, in Salem; d. Sept. 4, 1874, in Salem; Julia M., b. Nov. 29, 1817, in Salem.

Lucy Ann, b. July 1, 1830, in Ipswich; m. April 1, 1850, Edward H. Randall. Lives in Salem.
Harriet J., b. Jan. 2, 1832, in Ipswich; d. Nov. 4, 1887, unm., at Salem.

40 James William, b. Feb. 22, 1824, in Ipswich.
Hannah, b. Dec. 20, 1825, in Rowley; carpenter and distiller; d. Mar. 2, 1879; m. Lucy J. (born in Rowley, Mass.) d. Mar. 15, 1861.

George, born in Dec. 15, 1825, in Rowley; d. May 18, 1826.
Hannah, b. Jan. 2, 1829, in Rowley; m. at Fall River, June 19, 1803, Capt. Wm. Thomas (born of Deer Isle, Me.)
George (twins), b. June 10, 1831, in Rowley; painter; m. July 29, 1850, Cassandra D., dau. Thos. and Susan T. Mar. field. He d. at Salem, Feb. 6, 1803.

Samuel, Ann (twins), b. June 10, 1831, in Rowley; d. Aug. 2, 1812, in Salem.
George, born in June 15, 1835, in Rowley; carriage painter; d. May 28, 1898; m. Jan. 30, 1876, Georgianna T., dau. George M. and Elizabeth (Gray) Saunders of Salem. Had:
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Appleton of Salem. He died Sept. 2, 1855 in Ipswich. She died in Salem, Aug. 1, 1867, aged 65 years.

Children :

HARRIET ELIZA, b. 1839; d. unm. Feb. 27, 1882 at Salem.

GEORGE H., b. 1840; m. Oct. 29, 1872, at Hamilton, Edna Augusta, dau. of Dudley and Ednah (Dane) Porter; d. Nov. 17, 1907; clerk. She d. June 16, 1911 in Salem, aged 72 years.

CAROLINE HOWARD, m. ——— Wheeler.

45 Warren Averill, born July 6, 1809, in Ipswich; married May 15, 1832, Elizabeth Jane Knox of Gardner, Me., then resident in Ipswich. She died Jan. 28, 1880. He was a cooper by trade, at one time being engaged in the fishing business. He died Nov. 26, 1884.

Children, all born in Ipswich :

MARGARET E., b. —; d. Feb. 11, 1851.

ABBY JANE GARDNER, b. June 16, 1846; d. Sept. 29, 1851.

A SON, b. July 23, 1853; d. July 26, 1853.

LUENIA, b. Aug. 4, 1855; m. July 20, 1892, Charles L. Perkins of Newburyport.

46 William Tarbell Averill, born April 13, 1811, in Ipswich; married 1st, Eliza Winter of Gloucester. She died Aug. 17, 1839 and he married 2nd, July 15, 1841, Harriet J., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hodgkins) Jewett of Ipswich. She died Apr. 28, 1890. He was a carpenter by trade and lived in Gloucester and Ipswich. Was tax collector for many years and inspector of customs in 1848. He died July 1, 1881.

Child by 1st wife :

WILLIAM, b. Feb., 1839; d. Nov. 19, 1839.

Children by 2d wife :

LYDIA MANNING, b. Sept. 23, 1842; d. Jan. 27, 1870; m. Nov. 29, 1866, Charles W. Bamford of Ipswich.

57 WILLIAM WARREN, b. Nov. 17, 1845.

A SON, b. Nov. 23, 1848; d. Nov. 26, 1848.

47 Benjamin Averill, born June 30, 1812, in Middleton; married, Jan. 1, 1846, Lois, daughter of Jacob

Appleton of Salem. He died Sept. 2, 1855 in Ipswich.
She died in Salem, Aug. 1, 1867, aged 65 years.
Children:

HARVEY KILPATRICK, b. 1839; d. 1899, Feb. 27, 1899 at Salem.
GEORGE E., b. 1840; m. Oct. 20, 1872 at Hamilton, Edgar Augustus,
son of George and Edna (Tamm) Foster; d. Nov. 17,
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married May 15, 1832, Elizabeth Jane Knox of Gardner.
He was a cooper by trade, at one time being engaged in
the fishing business. He died Nov. 20, 1884.
Children, all born in Ipswich:

MARGARET R., b. —; d. Feb. 11, 1881.
ABBY JANE GARDNER, b. June 15, 1840; d. Sept. 28, 1881.
A son, b. July 23, 1852; d. July 26, 1852.
JOHN, b. Aug. 4, 1855; m. July 20, 1882, Charles E. Perkins of
Newburyport.

46. WILLIAM TARBELL AVERILL, born April 13, 1811,
in Ipswich; married Jan. 1839, Eliza Winter of Gloucester. She
died Aug. 17, 1839 and he married Feb. 15, 1841,
Married, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hodgkins)
Jewett of Ipswich. She died Apr. 28, 1830. He was a
carpenter by trade and lived in Gloucester and Ipswich.
Was tax collector for many years and inspector of con-
toms in 1818. He died July 1, 1881.
Child by 1st wife:

WILLIAM, b. Feb. 1839; d. Nov. 19, 1898.

Children by 2d wife:

EDNA MARINE, b. Sept. 25, 1842; d. Jan. 27, 1870; m. Nov. 28,
1860, Charles W. Hamford of Ipswich.
ST. WILLIAM WARREN, b. Nov. 17, 1843.
A son, b. Nov. 25, 1845; d. Nov. 26, 1845.

47. BENJAMIN AVERILL, born June 30, 1812, in Mas-
sachusetts; married, Jan. 1, 1846, Elizabeth daughter of Jacob

and Lois (Lufkin) Proctor of Derry, N. H. She was born April 2, 1822 and died in Middleton, Nov., 1898. He lived in Middleton and died there Aug. 13, 1881.

Children :

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. April 15, 1856; m. June 9, 1892, Louise Booker of Howardsville, Va., where they now live. No children.

JOHN QUINCY, b. 1859; unm.; lives in Middleton.

ALVIN PROCTER, b. Nov. 25, 1860; d. Oct. 25, 1862.

48 Andrew Peabody Averill, born June 5, 1815, in Middleton; married, May 28, 1840, Elizabeth Stearns, daughter of Peabody and Dolly (Kenny) Russell of Boxford. She was born Dec. 4, 1817 and died Oct. 24, 1890. He died Dec. 17, 1889. Lived in Middleton.

Children :

ALBERT AVANDER, b. Jan. 15, 1842; m. May, 1866, Sarah, dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Peasley) Craig of Newbury, N. H.

BENJAMIN RUSSELL, b. Nov. 14, 1849; d. May 29, 1864.

ANDREW PRESTON, b. July 18, 1856; m. Dec. 25, 1882, Cora S. McKay, b. Apr. 25, 1860, in Bowdoin, Me.; Harvard Univ. Supt. Schools, Martha's Vineyard; 6 children.

CHARLES SIDNEY, b. Feb. 9, 1859; d. unm. Aug. 16, 1885; school-teacher.

49 Joseph Averill, born March 31, 1818, in Middleton; married, 1st, Oct. 22, 1884, Martha A., daughter of Joseph Berry and Patty (Elliott) Perkins of Middleton. She was born April 13, 1825 and died, April 24, 1884, in Danvers. He married, 2nd, Oct. 14, 1886, Mrs. Mary J. (Perkins) Greene, a sister of his first wife. He died Jan. 8, 1893, in Danvers.

Children, all by 1st wife :

LEVERETT PERKINS, b. Sept. 14, 1847; d. Aug. 28, 1848.

LEVERETT PERKINS, b. Sept. 4, 1849; m. Jan. 17, 1877, Harriet Putnam, dau. of George P. and Charlotte (Towne) Wilkins of Middleton. She was b. April 11, 1850. No children. He d. Oct. 2, 1894, in Danvers.

HELEN WARD, b. Oct. 8, 1855; unm.; grad. Holyoke Seminary; lives in St. Paul, Minn.

and Lois (Juckin) Fickett of Perry, N. H. She was born April 2, 1822 and died in Middletown, Nov. 1898. He lived in Middletown and died there Aug. 13, 1881. Children:

BERNARD FRANKLIN, b. April 12, 1855; m. June 2, 1882. Louise Fickett of Haverhill, Va., where they now live. No children.

JOHN GUNNEY, b. 1856; m. 1882; lived in Middletown. ALVIN FROST, b. Nov. 22, 1869; d. Oct. 25, 1902.

48. ANDREW FROST, b. 1815, in Middletown; married May 22, 1840, Elizabeth Stearns, daughter of Frost and Polly (Kenny) Russell of Hoxford. She was born Dec. 4, 1817 and died Oct. 24, 1890. He died Dec. 17, 1882. Lived in Middletown. Children:

ALBERT AVERTILL, b. Jan. 18, 1842; m. May, 1860, Sarah, dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Perry) Child of Newbury, N. H.

BERNARD FRANKLIN, b. Nov. 12, 1844; m. May 22, 1882.

ANDREW FROST, b. July 18, 1850; m. Dec. 22, 1882, Cora S. McKay, b. Apr. 25, 1850, in Newbold, Me.; Harvard Univ.

SOPE SCHOOLS, Martha's Vineyard; 8 children.

CHARLES, b. Feb. 9, 1850; d. m. Aug. 16, 1882; school teacher.

49. JOSEPH AVERTILL, born March 31, 1818, in Middletown; married Jan. 22, 1844, Martha A., daughter of Joseph Perry and Fanny (Wilcox) Perkins of Middletown. She was born April 13, 1825 and died April 24, 1884, in Danvers. He married, 2nd, Oct. 14, 1886, Mrs. Mary J. (Perkins) Greene, a sister of his first wife. He died Jan. 8, 1898, in Danvers.

Children, all by 1st wife:

LEONARD PERKINS, b. Sept. 14, 1847; d. Aug. 28, 1882.

LEONARD PERKINS, b. Sept. 4, 1848; m. Jan. 17, 1877, Harriet

Patton, dau. of George P. and Charlotte (Town) Wilkins of Middletown. She was b. April 11, 1850. No children. He

d. Oct. 2, 1901, in Danvers.

MARK WARD, b. Oct. 2, 1850; m. 1882; Grand High School, Danvers; lives in St. Paul, Minn.

ANNIE M., b. Oct. 11, 1858; m. 1st. — Fiske; m. 2nd, Caleb C. Gardner of Salem.

GEORGE.

50 Edward Putnam Averill, born Nov. 23, 1821, in Middleton; married, 1st, Dec. 26, 1849, Lavinia K. daughter of William and Hannah (Moore) Perkins of Andover. She was born Sept. 20, 1829 and died in 1853. He married, 2nd, April 19, 1857, Mary Ham, daughter of William and Martha (Ham) Webber of Sanford, Me. She was born Jan. 27, 1829 and died Mar. 2, 1887, in Lynn. He married, 3rd, Apr. 12, 1888, Abbie A., daughter of Lyman and Synthia (Webber) Butler of Sanford, Me. She was born July 23, 1849. Lives in Lynn.

Children by 2nd wife:

CLARENCE B., b. April 22, 1858; unm.

CERESCO PUTNAM, b. Sept. 13, 1860; d. Sept. 8, 1861, in Middleton.

CERESCO PUTNAM, b. Jan. 24, 1862; unm.

51 Thomas Leverett Averill, born in Topsfield, Nov. 1, 1829; married July, 1851, Ruth R. Carr of Newburyport. Farmer and painter. He died June 14, 1889.

Children born in Topsfield:

SUSAN SILVER, b. Dec. 13, 1851; m. Sept. 27, 1875, Frank G. Moore of Dallas, Texas; merchant.

SIDNEY WOOD, b. May 14, 1857; unm.; lived in Topsfield.

52 Edward Augustus Averill, born in Topsfield, May 3, 1832, married in Salem, Oct. 16, 1855, Harriet M. W., daughter of Richard Preston, born in Ohio Farmer and engineer. He died of heart disease, Feb. 7 1890, in Salem.

Children:

ELLA J., b. 1856; m. at Lynn, Feb. 10, 1876, George H., son of Edward P., and Adeline D. (Warren) Smith.

MARY F., b. July 3, 1861, in Salem.

GERTRUDE M., b. Oct. 28, 1872, in Salem.

53 Nathaniel S. Averill, born July 4, 1835; married Jan. 1, 1867, Mary J., daughter of Alexander and Jane Bowie of Bowdoin, Me.; died Nov. 11, 1906; currier. Child, born in Salem.

NATHANIEL HERBERT, b. April 16, 1878; m. June 10, 1908, Katherine, dau. Arthur D. and Nannie E. (Foster) Morrison. Plumber.

54 Ephriam Perkins Averill, born in Linebrook Parish, Ipswich, Mar. 9, 1836; married Dec. 8, 1864, Susan, daughter of William G. and Mehetable (Balch) Lake. Soldier in Civil War; three years in Co. D. 12th Mass. Vols.; corporal. Shoe operative. Lived in Topsfield where he died Nov. 29, 1909.

Children, born in Topsfield:

ELMER PERKINS, b. April 20, 1866; m. Nov. 29, 1889, at Georgetown, Annie P. dau. of Whipple and Charlotte A. (Smith) Ingalls. Children: Eleanor, b. Jan. 2, 1890; d. March 20, 1890; Charles Francis, b. June 3, 1891; Florence Osgood, b. Jan. 13, 1893. Shoe operative; lives in Topsfield.

CARRIE HAMMOND, b. Dec. 2, 1871; m. Dec. 20, 1894 at Pawtucket, R. I., Arthur G. Lunt of Newburyport. Child: Arthur Osgood, b. July 25, 1895.

LULU JESSIE, b. April 3, 1876.

55 Cyrus Austin Averell, born in Topsfield, Aug. 10, 1834; married April 6, 1864, Margaret Y., daughter of Charles and Anna Sweeney of Topsfield. Farmer; lived in Topsfield and died there March 26, 1900.

Children, all born in Topsfield:

HERMAN AUSTIN, b. March 7, 1865; d. March 8, 1865.

ALBION FRANCOIS, b. May 4, 1866; carpenter; d. Sept. 22, 1896.

CHARLES JUSTIN, b. June 12, 1871.

FREDERICK AUSTIN, b. April 10, 1879.

MARION ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 17, 1880; m. Oct. 18, 1905, John R. Gould of Topsfield.

56 James William Averill, born Feb. 22, 1834, in Ipswich; married Dec. 31, 1865, in Salem, Martha J. daughter of Amos T. and Abigail L. Leavitt of Hampton, N. H.; died Nov. 10, 1906. House-painter; lived in Salem.

Child :

ARTHUR LANE, b. Jan. 26, 1867, in Salem; Boston Univ. 1895;
lawyer; lives in Salem.

57 William Warren Averill, born Nov. 17, 1845, at Ipswich, machinist, married, 1st, Oct. 3, 1866, at Salem, Annie L. daughter of Samuel P. and Sarah L. (Norfolk) Floyd. She died at Salem, of consumption, May 12, 1873, aged 30 years and he married, 2d, Nov. 24, 1886, at Peabody, Mrs. Martha A. (Bruce) Pickering, daughter of Daniel and Mary I. S. Bruce of Marblehead. Lives in Salem; milk contractor.

Children, born in Salem :

ERNEST HOLTEN, b. Apr. 7, 1867; m. June 17, 1908, Mrs. Ada L. (Harrington) Brown, dau. Simon G. and Caroline A. Harrington.

LYDIA M. B., b. May 18, 1870; d. May 18, 1879 in Salem.

EDNAH FLOYD (twin), b. July 30, 1872; d. May 26, 1879.

EDITH JEWETT (twin), b. July 30, 1872; m. Nov. 20, 1895, in Salem, Horace B. Brooks of Salem.

Know ye the spot where towering to the sky
The Firemen's flag still lifts its head on high;
Know ye the place where leather, hides and tan,
Are household words, to every Working-man;
Then do ye know the House that wandered down
From Topsfield woods to Salem's ancient town.

Assume old horse, to whom in youthful pride
No praise was stinted, and no care denied,
Is cast aside when age comes creeping on,
Kick'd by the traveller, and careased by none.

The following pages for the year 1881 were inadvertently omitted from their regular order - *Editor.*

NEWSPAPER ITEMS RELATING TO TOPSFIELD.

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BY GEORGE FRANCIS DOW.

(Continued from Volume XVI (1911) page 144.)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.*

The Board of County Commissioners has been filled by the appointment of Hon. ASA W. WILDES, of Newburyport, and B. F. NEWHALL, Esq., of Saugus, as County Commissioners, and Dr. R. A. MERRIAM, of Topsfield, as Special Commissioner.

Salem Gazette, June 14, 1844.

The following article was mislaid at the time of its reception.

FOR THE GAZETTE.

MR. EDITOR. The subject of the following lines was for more than a century the Meeting House of a religious society in Topsfield. The spirit of improvement, or whatever it may be, which is causing our old churches to disappear so rapidly, from among us, has converted this ancient edifice, into the workshop of a tanner and currier, and it is now, as you are probably aware, occupying the situation of a still more venerable looking building, which a year or two since was standing on Boston street.

Know ye the spot where tapering to the sky
The Firemen's flag staff lifts its head on high;
Know ye the place where leather, hides and tan,
Are household words, to every Working-man;
Then do ye know the House that wandered down
From Topsfield woods to Salem's ancient town.

As some old horse, to whom in youthful pride
No praise was stinted, and no care denied,
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So now, deserted by its antient friends,
Topsfield's old Church to Death's dark vale descends,
Unwept, unhonour'd now, the building stands,
Its spacious Portals torn by ruthless hands ;
No more the humble Christian kneels in prayer
Before his God, and finds acceptance there ;
No more the sleeping sinner, starts to hear
The truth he slighted, thundering in his ear ;
Hush'd is the voice of Prayer, the song of Praise,
Which formed the light, and life, of other days.

In Scripture times the Tabernacle stood,
Not cover'd o'er with boards and beams of wood,
But badger skins, and sheep skins colored red,
Formed for the Jews a statlier roof instead ;
With skins of Beasts, like those in antient days,
Our modern tanners still their structures raise ;
But wisely differing from the antient Jews,
They tan the skins and make them into shoes,
From which, by some strange Alchemy, they pass
To good pine boards, cut nails, and window glass.

Oh what strange transformations do we find,
In men and things for nobler deeds designed ;
Within these walls are drawn, not notes of praise,
But notes of hand, that run for certain days,
When down to Boston street the Bosses flock
For honest tradesman, and the best of stock,
Where text and sermon, taught the gospel plan ;
The talk is now, of Hemlock Bark, and Tan.
And if "Old Hundred" seen to strike the ear,
You've miss'd the phrase, they're counting cow hides here.
The sacred Oil, which down from Aaron's race,
Has marked the Priesthood, and the Holy place,
Yields in these Courts its glorious meed forever,
To that vile stuff, that's made from Codfish liver ;
And old tin cannisters, and casks of wood ;
Are seen where once the Silver Goblets stood.
What tho' no Golden Calf is worshiped here,
To fill the soul with darkness and with fear ;
Still, if the truth with plainness must be told,
They'd eat a Calf, and tan his skin, for gold.

Alas, how great the difference must appear,
A church in Topsfield, and a Tanyard here ;

Yet this great change its present business suits
Not saving souls of men, but tanning soles of boots.

F.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 6, 1844.

*EXTENTION OF HALE & CO'S.
INDEPENDENT LETTER MAIL.*

Office No. 14 Washington street, Lawrence Place, Salem.

Postage 6 1-4 cts., or 20 franks for \$1. Postage to Detroit,
Cleveland, Chicago and St. John and St. Andrews, N. B.,
12 1-2 cts.

OFFICES are established at Boston, [and many other cities.
Joel Lake was the agent was Topsfield.]

Mails close at Salem Office,

Southern and Western at 10 A. M., and 2 P. M.

Northern and Eastern at 8 1-2 and 10 A. M., and 2 and 5 3-4
P. M.

Boston 8 1-2 and 10 A. M., 2 and 5 3-4 P. M.

Postage to and from Boston 5 cents, including the penny post.

SYLVESTER PHELPS, Agent.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 13, 1844.

[In the advertisement of the Essex Mechanics Mutual Fire
Insurance Company of Salem, the name of Charles Herrick of
Topsfield appears among the Directors.]

Salem Gazette, Aug. 23, 1844.

A GREAT MOVE. Arrangements have been made to remove
the Topsfield Hotel to the sea shore, in Lynn, near the country
seat of Mr. Robert Brookhouse, of this city. Mr. Tapley, the
great clod-compellor, we understand has contracted to deliver
said Hotel, "in good order and well conditioned," as the bills of
lading say, at a certain specified date. The distance, we believe,
is twelve or fourteen miles. The Hotel, which is quite spacious,
will be removed in detached portions, and put together on its
projected site.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 3, 1844.

The old farmers in Massachusetts are quite astonished
at the abundance, beauty and excellence of fruit the present

season. We visited not long since a young and thrifty orchard on Washington Street, in Boxford, in that State, owned by the venerable Doctor George W. Sawyer, and such a display of fruit it was never our fortune to witness before. The trees were all young and each limb and twig had as much as it could do to support the weight upon it. The fruit was all of the choicest kinds and the variety quite extensive. This orchard seemed to be a pet of the Doctor's old age. It is situated near his dwelling upon a gravel knoll and the soil is kept loose about the roots of the trees. It struck us as something remarkable that all the fruit not only appeared large but exceedingly fair and plump and beautiful. The Doctor supposes this to result from keeping the soil loose.

We also examined the large barn on the Doctor's farm, and which is said to be, (and we have no doubt of the fact) the best barn in the county of Essex. It is built on the side of a hill excavated for the purpose, with a stone basement of excellent workmanship.— The entrance to the basement is on one side from the barn yard which is enclosed with a beautiful stone wall. There is an entrance to the main floor at one end, and an entrance with cattle and carts in the second story from the other end by means of a part of the remaining hill. The barn is 50 or 80 feet and neither timber, board or plank throughout is spliced. Every piece was cut for the purpose even to the plank, eighty feet long. The barn in all its parts and appointments is in the highest style of neatness, convenience and elegance.

The Doctor is equally famous for his excellent humor and generous hospitality as for his professional skill and his agricultural success. Long may he live to enjoy the good things about him.—*Bangor Whig.*

Salem Gazette, Sept. 24, 1844.

TOPSFIELD AWAKE.

The Hon. DANIEL P. KING will deliver a Political Lecture, at the Academy Hall in Topsfield, THIS EVENING, at 7 o'clock. All the voters of each party are respectfully invited.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 8, 1844.

[R. A. Merriam, M. D. of Topsfield was 1st Vice President of the Essex County Whig Convention held at Ipswich, Oct. 15th.]

Salem Gazette, Oct. 18, 1844.

FOR THE GAZETTE.

TOPSFIELD, UP AND DOING.

TOPSFIELD, Nov. 1.—*Mr. Editor.*—The Whigs of Topsfield had a truly glorious meeting on Saturday evening last. The spacious Hall of the Academy was crowded. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed and every thing went bravely on. Ebenezer Hussey of Lynn, delivered a two hours' speech of thrilling eloquence and great power. It was a complete vindication of his position of the inalienable rights of man—and of the identity of the Whig party with the great principles of human freedom. Mr. Hussey is an eloquent speaker, and will do this state much service. The Topsfield Boys will come up to the Polls on the 11th inst. and if I am not much mistaken, you will see that they know how to appreciate the services of the great Statesmen of the West.

Many ladies were present at our meeting on Saturday evening, to cheer us with their sunny smiles, and invoke the blessing of Heaven on our noble cause.

P.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 5, 1844.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts :

The Petition of the Congregational Parish in Topsfield, in the county of Essex, respectfully shews: That in and by the last will and testament of Daniel Bixby, late of said Topsfield, made and published on the first day of November, A. D. 1811, and duly allowed and approved in February, A. D. 1825, the farm of the testator, situated partly in said Topsfield and partly in Boxford, in said county, after the termination of certain life estates, therein, is given and devised to the Selectmen of said Topsfield and their successors in office forever, in trust, for the support of a gospel minister or ministers, in said Topsfield, of the Congregational denomination; that said life estates have terminated, and that your petitioners are now legally entitled, by the terms and trusts of said will, to the rents, incomes and profits of said estate; and that said estate could be more conveniently administered and the trust in said will could be more beneficially discharged by a board of Trustees to be appointed from time to time by your petitioners, than by boards of Selectmen of the town, changing from year to year. Whereupon your petitioners pray that after due notice shall be given to all parties in interest, for the passage of an act authorizing the said estate to be held and administered and the said trusts to be

discharged by a board of Trustees to be appointed as aforesaid, or in such other mode as shall be deemed just and reasonable, in lieu of the Selectmen of said Topsfield as provided for in said will. And as in duty bound will ever pray, by

WM. N. CLEAVELAND, } Committee
JOHN WRIGHT, } of
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Salem Gazette, Jan. 29, 1847.

TOPSFIELD ACADEMY.

The Spring Term of this Institution, will commence on THURSDAY, the 25th inst. and continue Twelve Weeks. Application made to

J. H. NOYES, Principal.

Topsfield, Feb. 12, 1847.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 12, 1847.

LOST

Between Topsfield and Salem, a bag containing 13 pair of Youth's Shoes. The finder shall be suitable rewarded, at the Salem Gazette Office.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 13, 1847.

Topsfield Academy!

FOR BOTH SEXES

The Summer Term will commence on Thursday, the 20th of May next, and continue eleven weeks. Tuition—\$4 00; Languages—\$1 00 extra. Board, within a few steps of the Academy, from \$1 50 to \$2 00.

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Salem Gazette, Jan. 23, 1847.

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Topsfield, Feb. 12, 1847.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 12, 1847.

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Between Topsfield and Salem, a bag containing 12 pair of Youth's Shoes. The finder shall be suitably rewarded, at the Salem Gazette Office.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 13, 1847.

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—*Lynn News.*

Salem Gazette, June 26, 1847.

DEATHS

In Topsfield, Mr. Benjamin Pike, aged 93 years and 4 mos.—a revolutionary pensioner.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 11, 1847.

Browne's Pectoral Syrup of Cohosh
for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Brochitis, etc.

Testimonial of Benj. C. Orne, Esq. Post Master at Topsfield.
Topsfield, Mar. 6, 1848.

Dear Sir,—I have been afflicted for two years or more with the Asthma, and have tried several kinds of medicine, and found no relief, until I procured a bottle of your Pectoral Syrup of Cohosh. I have taken only one bottle, and have found great relief from using it. I would, therefore, recommend this medicine to those who are afflicted with the Asthma, as being the best medicine I have ever used for that complaint.

Very respectfully yours

BENJ. C. ORNE.

The above Syrup is sold, wholesale and retail, by F. J. BROWNE, 226 Essex st.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 25, 1848.

PREMIUM TREES.—For Sale at Lake's Nurseries.

TOPSFIELD, MASS.,

A very superior lot of Fruit Trees, consisting of the following kinds viz:

APPLE, PEACH, PLUM, CHERRY, QUINCE
APRICOT, &c., &c.

Also—200 extra size Pear Trees, with bearing heads;

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The above Trees are of the choicest and most approved kinds of Fruit, and have received the 1st and 2d premiums of the Essex Agricultural Society the last two years, and will be sold at wholesale and retail at moderate prices.

—Also—

500 European Mountain Ash;
50,000 Seedling Apple Stocks;
5,000 Pear; Hedge Plants;
30 kinds Double Dahlias.

W. G. LAKE

Topsfield, April 14, 1848.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 18, 1848.

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said that upon a visit of some of his legislative acquaintances from Boston, at his home in Topsfield, his children came running into the room with all the freedom and liberty of young democracy, and the honest heartedness of country life, when the dignity of Capt. Baker being offended at this exhibition before his city guests, he asked his wife why she did not send these children to their homes. Simultaneously the children relieved their mother from the trouble of a reply, and taught their father a lesson for the future, by exclaiming in a breath, "Why father! we are at home now!" Capt. Baker was the son of John Baker of Ipswich, who gave his son Thomas a deed in 1661, "of all his lands, housing, &c., in Topsfield, 150 acres more or less." His wife was Elizabeth. Capt. B. willed his son Thomas "my silver tankard and silver spoon yt was my father's, and also a good bed for the use of strangers." The widow of Gov. Symonds was Rebecca, formerly the wife of Deacon Robert Hale, of Charlestown, and mother of Rev. John Hale, the first minister of Beverly. She died 1695, names in her will her kinsman Bennett L. Straine in England, and gives among other legacies, "my grogeram manto and cullered silk petticoat" to "my daughter Baker." Thomas, the son of Capt. T. married Mary, and died 1728, leaving a son John, to whom he gave all his lands at Argylla farm, in Ipswich, and a son Thomas all his lands in Topsfield, adjoining what was then and formerly known as Baker's, but now as Praitchard's Pond. This latter Thomas born 1711, married Sarah Wade, of Ipswich, 1729, and died 1777. He had a large family. Of his children, Thomas and Jonathan settled in the vicinity of Keene, N. H.; John, "Major Baker," resided in Topsfield, military officer in the French war of 1755, and in the Revolution: died 1815; Symonds settled in Andover, where his grandson David Baker, now resides: he was a physician; William, the father of Capt. Thomas Baker, recently deceased, settled in Gloucester; Joseph, married Hepsibah Thorndike of Beverly, where he settled: died 1801: Innholder, Collector, Constable, Justice of the Peace, &c.; Sarah, married John Balch, jr., a currier, and died Jan. 16, 1831; Rebecca, married Sylvanus Wilds; Martha, married Joseph Towne; Mary, married Dudley Smith. Sarah Wade, wife of Thomas Baker, aforesaid, was born May 20, 1711, daughter of Capt. Thomas Wade, who married Elizabeth Thornton of Boston, Apr. 4, 1700. His father was Col. Thomas Wade, who married Elizabeth Cogswell, of Ipswich, Feb. 22, 1670 and died Oct. 4, 1696. He was son of Jonathan Wade, one of the earliest and of the most prominent settlers of Ipswich.

Salem Gazette, May 2, 1848.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE.

Stage leaves Eagle House, Haverhill, every morning at 6 o'clock, passing through Georgetown, Boxford, Topsfield, and Danvers; arrives at Depot in Salem in time for 10 o'clock Train of Cars for Boston.

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Office in Boston, City Hotel; in Salem, Mansion House.

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Salem Gazette, June 13, 1848.

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Salem Gazette, Sept. 9, 1848.

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Salem Gazette, Sept. 29, 1848.

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TOPSFIELD.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 30, 1848.

TOPSFIELD NURSERIES

Premium Trees!

The subscriber respectfully invites his friends and customers to his large collection of

FRUIT TREES!

embracing nearly all the CHOISEST and MOST APPROVED KINDS to be obtained—consisting in part of the following kinds, viz.:

10,000 BALDWIN APPLE TREES, 2 years old from the bud, being extra growth;

5,000 different kinds APPLE TREES, 2 years old from the bud, and most approved;

1,000 PEAR TREES, 2 years old from the bud, 15 different varieties;

50,000 SEEDLING APPLE STOCKS, 2 years old, very prime;

15,000 SEEDLING APPLE STOCKS, 1 year old;

25,000 SEEDLING PEAR STOCKS, 1 year old, very prime;

400 EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN ASH, extra Size.

Also—a good variety of CHERRY, PEACH and PLUM TREES.

The above Trees received the first premium of the Essex County Agricultural Society the last year, and will be sold on reasonable terms.

Topsfield, Oct. 6.

W. G. LAKE

Salem Gazette, Oct. 13, 1848.

TOPSFIELD

A meeting of the friends of TAYLOR & FILLMORE will be held at the Academy Hall, in Topsfield, THIS EVENING, Nov. 3, at 7 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Hon. A. HUNTINGTON and O. P. LORD, Esq.

Topsfield, Nov. 3, 1848.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 3, 1848.

Whig Meeting in Topsfield.—A large and spirited meeting of the friends of Taylor and Fillmore, was held last evening, in the Academy Hall. This large and commodious hall was at an early hour crowded to overflowing, to hear addresses from Mr. North-end of Danvers, and Mr. Huntington of Salem. They addressed the meeting with great force and eloquence for more than three hours. Their speeches were rich in fact, argument, and amusing illustrations. The meeting broke up with three cheers for Taylor and Fillmore and our speakers.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 4, 1848.

NOTICE. This is to certify that I have sold to my son, ERASTUS H. CLARKE, his time; and I hereby forbid all persons trusting him on my account, as I shall pay no debts of his contracting.

SAMUEL CLARKE.

Topsfield, Jan. 12th, 1849.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 12, 1849.

An attempt was made to rob the store of Mr. Paul Pearson, of Pearson's Mills Village, Newbury, early last Monday morning. The Newburyport Herald says three persons were discovered in the act of putting goods from the store into a sleigh. Messrs. Elbridge Tenney and Wm. Pearson, having been informed of the fact, proceeded to the spot, and after a sharp conflict, succeeded in obtaining possession of the horse and sleigh, the robbers having fled.

In the conflict, Mr. Tenney received a severe wound in the hand with a knife. Three young men named Shaw, Mallory, and Purrington have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery.

These individuals had their examination on Tuesday morning, before Justice Marston. After the examination had proceeded at some length, Purrington, one of the prisoners, turned evidence for the state, and testified that he hired a horse and sleigh at Mr. G. Boardman's and together with Shaw and Mallory went to Ipswich, where they broke into the depot, and from thence they went to Topsfield, where they broke into a store, but took nothing. Then they went to the place of the robbery.

The prisoners were also indicted for breaking into the store in Topsfield, but the facts did not weigh in the minds of the Court.

The Court required the prisoners, Shaw and Mallory, to give bonds in the sum of \$600 each for their appearance in the Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Salem in March next for further trial. In default of bail they were committed.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 19, 1849.

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Salem Gazette, Jan. 19, 1849.

Among the appointments made by the President and Senate was that of Asa W. Wildes (born in Topsfield) to be Surveyor of the Port of Ipswich.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 2, 1849.

At a meeting held Feb. 5th, Charles Herrick of Topsfield was chosen one of the Directors of the Essex Mechanics Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Salem.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 6, 1849.

A FARM FOR SALE. IN TOPSFIELD, seven miles from Salem, three from Danvers Plains, and one from a stopping place on the Essex Railroad, on a road from Danvers to Boxford,—containing about one hundred and forty acres, all compact around the buildings; a good convenient house and cellars for two families, with seven other buildings: The whole pleasantly situated with handsome lots of wood near the house, sufficient in growth to support the fires, young grafted fruit bearing trees, and the best of fielding. The farm is fenced almost wholly with stone wall, and is excellently watered with springs and two brooks running through it.

Inquire of

IRA PORTER on the premises.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 9, 1849.

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held at Ipswich this week the petition of Benj. B. Towne and als., for a road in Wenham, crossing Wenham Swamp towards Topsfield, was dismissed. It has been decided to lay down the whole of the Newburyport Turnpike lying in this county, as a highway,—it being understood that the Middlesex Commissioners will pursue a like course with the residue of said turnpike.

Salem Gazette, May 12, 1849.

The wheelwright shop of Thomas K. Leach, and the dwelling house of Aaron Kneeland, in Topsfield, were struck by lightning on Thursday morning. The shop was very much shattered; the house was less injured. We are informed that lightning was never known to strike in the village or Topsfield before this instance.

Salem Gazette, June 2, 1849.

DEATHS.

In Topsfield, on the 20th inst., at the house of Mr. B. P. Adams, Miss Sally Leach, of this city, aged 77.

Salem Gazette, June 21, 1849.

Commonwealth on complaint of Luke Towne vs. Samuel Todd.
This complaint charged against the respondent with an assault and battery committed on the complainant.

It appeared that on the 21st of December last, a meeting of the inhabitants of Topsfield was holden for the adoption of measures to prevent injury from *rabid dogs*. A motion was made for an indefinite postponement of the subject. While this motion was under consideration, the complainant made some observation that induced the respondent (the moderator of the meeting) to say to him that he was out of order, and must sit down. Either I won't or I shan't were his words. He was again told by the moderator, that he must either sit down and keep order, or leave the house. He said I shan't do either. He was then told by the moderator that he should direct the constables to take him from the house, and detain him until the meeting was over. He replied you can do it. Accordingly the constables were so directed. When the constables were about to take hold of him, Mr. T. extended his arm towards them, says, hands off, gentlemen, I appeal to the town. The moderator says, there is no appeal—or it is too late now to claim an appeal—Constables carry him out,—carry him out. Whereupon with a constable at each arm he was conducted from the house—resisting sufficiently to show clearly that it was against his will. The forcible removal from the house was the assault and battery charged. The complaint testified that he was slightly injured in his arm and side by the violence used. No question was made as to the correctness of the decision of the moderator, whether Mr. Towne was or was not in order when he was called to order, and directed to sit down. If Mr. Towne had then claimed an appeal, the Court were of opinion that the question should have been submitted; and if supported by a majority of votes, it would have been the duty of the moderator to have yielded thereto. But inasmuch as no appeal was shown to have been claimed, until peremptory orders for the removal had been given, it was then the duty of the moderator to insist upon obedience or removal.

W. D. NORTHEND, Esq., Attorney for the Government

O. P. LORD, Esq., attorney for the Defendant.

Trial was had before J. W. PROCTOR, Esq.—*Danvers Cour.*

Salem Gazette, July 14, 1849.

FIRE IN TOPSFIELD. On Monday night last, an outbuilding, belonging to Asa Pingree, Esq., near his house, in Topsfield, was destroyed by fire. Among the contents destroyed were three chaises, three hundred bushels of corn, two and a half tons of

Government as complaint of Luke Towne vs. Samuel Todd. This complaint charged against the respondent with an assault and battery committed on the complainant.

It appeared that on the 21st of December last, a meeting of the inhabitants of Torsfield was held for the adoption of measures to prevent injury from rabid dogs. A motion was made for an indefinite postponement of the subject. While this motion was under consideration, the complainant made some observation that induced the respondent (the moderator of the meeting) to say to him that he was out of order, and must sit down. Either I won't, or I shan't were his words. He was again told by the moderator that he must either sit down and keep order, or leave the house. He said I shan't do either. He was then told by the moderator that he should direct the constables to take him from the house, and detain him until the meeting was over. He replied you can do it. Accordingly the constables were so directed. When the constables were about to take hold of him, Mr. T. extended his arm towards them, saying, hands off, gentlemen, I appeal to the town. The moderator says, there is no appeal—or it is too late now to claim an appeal.—Constables carry him out—carry him out. Whereupon with a constable at each arm he was conducted from the house—resisting sufficiently to show clearly that it was against his will. The forcible removal from the house was the assault and battery charged. The complainant testified that he was slightly injured in his arm and side by the violence used. No question was made as to the correctness of the decision of the moderator, whether Mr. Towne was or was not in order when he was called to order, and directed to sit down. If Mr. Towne had then claimed an appeal, the Court were of opinion that the question should have been submitted; and it supported by a majority of votes, it would have been the duty of the moderator to have yielded thereto. But inasmuch as no appeal was shown to have been claimed, until peremptory orders for the removal had been given, it was then the duty of the moderator to insist upon obedience or removal.

W. D. NORRIS, Esq., Attorney for the Government

O. F. LEON, Esq., Attorney for the Defendant.

Trial was had before J. W. Proctor, Esq.—Danvers Court.
Salem Gazette, July 14, 1848.

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Salem Gazette, Aug. 31, 1849.

DEATHS.

The death of Mrs. H. J. Holmes, of Topsfield, mentioned in your paper of last week, ought not to pass without some further notice. Her friends and the circle of her acquaintance, feel a void which will not soon be filled. The natural powers of her mind were not more conspicuous than her acquired knowledge. From an infirmity, under which she had suffered for many years, she was shut out from the freedom of intercourse with society which was enjoyed by others. Her conversational powers connected with her extensive reading and brilliancy of intellect, fitted her in a most remarkable degree for an entertaining companion.

When a little excited by opposition or otherwise, I have been surprised at the displays of her extemporaneous eloquence. It has frequently exceeded any thing we ever witnessed in man or woman. With her command of language, and the many facts stored up in a very retentive memory, she would frequently fasten the attention of the listener for almost hours together, astonished at the powers of her oratory. She had obtained by her own unaided industry the knowledge of several foreign languages. She read French with great fluency; her pen was the principal source of her amusement, and her poetic compositions were, by no means, small, although her modesty would seldom allow them to be published. Her benevolence and generosity were proverbial. From her infancy she had imbibed a predilection for Catholicism, professed and embraced it, and died in the full faith. Her friends deeply feel her loss and all those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance sincerely sympathize with them in their bereavement.

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COURT RECORD—C. C. R. at Ipswich.

Monday, Oct. 23. In the case of the complaint against Top- sfield constables, for forcibly ejecting John Fowles from a town

meeting under the direction of the Moderator, the Judge intimated that he should rule that if defendants justified under the direction of the Moderator, he should hold the justification good; upon which a verdict for defendants was allowed. O. P. Lord for defence.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 26, 1849.

Real and Personal Estate

Will be sold at Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 19th day of November inst., at 9 o'clock, A. M., at the farm of Col. Porter Bradstreet, late of Topsfield, deceased.

ALL THE PERSONAL ESTATE

on said Farm—consisting of

STOCK, PRODUCE, &c., viz:

1 valuable Iron Grey Horse;

2 pair superior Working oxen;

6 good Cows;

10 tons good English Hay;

15 do Stock Hay;

Lot of Corn Fodder and Rye Straw;

70 bushels Corn; 30 do Rye;

100 do Potatoes

20 barrels Cider;

10 do Vinegar;

20 Vinegar Casks; large size;

3 Sleighs; 1 Chaise; 2 Horse Wagons;

1 Ox Wagon; Carts, Sleds; with all the other Farming Implement and Tools.

Also—1 Turning Lathe and Chisels, with various other Carpenter's Tools.

Also—about 1500 Apple trees, in the Nursery, budded with the best kinds of fruit, and of large size, suitable for setting.

After the sale of the Personal Estate, will be sold the Saw Mill, yard and privilege, and Mill Gearing thereto belonging.

The conditions will be made known at time of sale.

N. B. Should the aboved named day be stormy, the sale will be postponed to the next fair day.

MEHITABLE BRADSTREET, Executrix.

Topsfield, Nov. 6, 1849.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 9, 1849.

BENJAMIN P. ADAMS, Esq., has been appointed Postmaster of Topsfield, in place of B. C. Orne, Esq., resigned.

Salem Gazette, Jan, 5, 1850.

CENTENNIAL. We understand that the people of Topsfield have it in contemplation to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of that town, during the present year. The date of incorporation was Oct. 18, 1650. The place was formerly called *Sheweenemeady*, or New Meadows, was granted to inhabitants of Salem and Ipswich at the session of Nov. 5, 1639, and was settled about this time. The names of many of the first settlers are yet borne in the town by their descendants, and not a few men of note claim Topsfield as the place of their nativity. A very interesting celebration may be anticipated should our Topsfield friends take hold of the matter with their usual energy and spirit.—Reg.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 12, 1850.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.

The following described real estate, occupied by JOHN W. DODGE in Topsfield, will be sold by auction, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of March next, unless the taxes assessed on the same, by the town of Topsfield, are previously paid:—

Said property consists of one half of a Dwelling House, occupied by said Dodge, as above named, with the Land, under and adjoining, and a barn adjacent.

The Sale will be at the store of BENJAMIN P. ADAMS.

THOMAS L. LANE, Collector.

Topsfield, Feb. 19, 1850.

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SO MUCH of the REAL ESTATE, near the meeting house, in Topsfield, now in occupation of JOHN W. DODGE, as will pay, together with the costs of sale and all necessary intervening charges, a tax of \$4 65, assessed upon said Dodge.

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Topsfield, March 9.

Collector of Topsfield.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 12, 1850.

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Salem Gazette, Mar. 12, 1850.

BY S. S. JOHNSON

*Auctioneer and Dealer in Fancy Goods 14 Front St.
Valuable Farm at Auction.*

Will be sold at Auction, on the premises, on WEDNESDAY, April 10th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.,

The FARM of the late NATHANIEL PORTER, situated in Topsfield, on the road leading from Danvers to Boxford over the Ipswich river, at Rowley Bridge, so called, containing about 54 acres of excellent land, pleasantly situated, and suitably divided into tillage and pasturage, well fenced with stone walls, and well watered. There is a dwelling house and barn upon the premises. Conditions made known at the sale.

DAVID PORTER,
ALLEN PORTER,
IRA PORTER.

Reference to IRA PORTER, Topsfield, or
A. HUNTINGTON, Esq., Salem.

Topsfield, Mar. 30, 1850.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 2, 1850.

Topsfield Centennial. Messrs. R. A. Merriam, Wm. Mundy, W. N. Cleaveland, J. W. Batchelder, J. P. Towne, and Jno G. Hood, are the Committee chosen by the town to make arrangements for the two hundredth celebration of the incorporation of Topsfield, which occurs the present year, on Thursday, the 29th day of August next. An address will be delivered by Nehemiah Cleaveland, N. Y., and a poem by Miss Hannah F. Gould, of Newburyport, will be followed by a public dinner, to be enlivened by sentiments and speeches. It is hoped that all the absent sons and daughters of this small but ancient town will attend this social home gathering.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 30, 1850.

The Lynn News seconds the proposition for an Essex County Farm School, to be established near the centre of the County, in Topsfield, Middleton, or Georgetown, for instance.

Salem Gazette, May 14, 1850.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE.

Stage leaves Eagle House, Haverhill, every morning, at 6 o'clock, passing through Georgetown, Boxford, Topsfield and Danvers; arrives at Depot in Salem in time for 10 1-2 o'clock Train of Cars for Boston.

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Office in Boston, City Hotel; in Salem, Essex House.

ISAAC PINKHAM, Driver.

Salem Gazette, May 18, 1850.

DEATHS.

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Salem Gazette, July 16, 1850.

Centennial Celebration.

The Inhabitants of TOPSFIELD intend to celebrate, on THURSDAY, the 29th of August, the *Second Centennial Anniversary* of the Town. As there may be persons in other places who wish to attend on that occasion, all such are informed that Tickets for the Dinner, at one dollar each, may be procured until the 20th inst. at Messrs. W. & S. B. Ives' Bookstore and of N. Goldsmith, jr. in Salem, and at Messrs. A. P. Perley & Co's. store, at North Danvers. An early application is desirable.

By order of the Committee on Arrangements.

Aug. 6.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 6, 1850.

THE TOPSFIELD CELEBRATION. Our Topsfield friends are carrying forward the preparation for their bi-centennial celebration, with great zeal and spirit. The procession is to be enlivened by a division of "representatives of ancient modes and manners," in which, we presume small-clothes, faithingales, cocked-up hats and pillions, will make a figure. In the church besides other appropriate services, an address will be delivered by Nehemiah Cleaveland, Esq., and an ode will be sung, which has been written for the occasion by Miss H. F. Gould. Tickets for the dinner may be obtained in this city, of N. Goldsmith, Jr., and at the store of W. & S. B. Ives. We think we can promise an interesting day, and a hospitable reception to any of our citizens who may improve this occasion to visit the ancient and pleasant town of Topsfield. We presume that some of our dealers in "horseware" will make a profitable day's work, by arrangements to carry passengers back and forth, at convenient hours.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 23, 1850.

Returning leaves depot at Salem every day, on the arrival of the 2-12 o'clock train from Boston, and leaves Essex House, Salem, 2-14 o'clock, passing through the above named places for Haverhill.

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 Salem Gazette, Aug. 23, 1850.

Topsfield Centennial Celebration,

THURSDAY, AUG. 29th.

MARSHALL'S NOTICE.

The public exercises will be held in the Grove on Centennial Hill, and will begin at a quarter before eleven, A. M. A procession will be formed on the Common, at 10 o'clock, and will proceed from thence to the Grove,—where seats are provided,—to which all ladies are requested to resort and be seated before the arrival of the procession.

At the close of the public exercises the procession will be formed again, and will proceed in the following order to the Pavilion on the Common, where dinner will be served.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Band

Chief Marshal and Aids.

Committee of Arrangements.

President and Orator of the Day.

Officiating Clergymen.

The Clergy.

Visitors, who are natives of Topsfield, or
descended from Topsfield ancestors.

The Officers of the Town.

The Choir.

Representatives of ancient modes and manners.

Citizens present from other towns.

Citizens of Topsfield.

NATH'L CONANT

Chief Marshal.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 28, 1850.

THE TOPSFIELD CELEBRATION. Yesterday was the two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the pleasant, and of course ancient, town of TOPSFIELD,—or as it was called by the Indians, before the incorporation of the town in 1650, *Sheweene-meady*, and by the whites, New Meadows. Topsfield was settled by the whites about the year 1642. Among the names of the first settlers, were, Peabody, Perkins, Clark, Cummings, Bradstreet, Gould, Town, Easty, Smith and Wildes; many of whose descendants now cultivate the soil of their progenitors, and have taken an active part in all the preparations of this festival, of which we hope to present a full and detailed account at a future day. We have only time now to say that the weather was

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TUESDAY, AUG. 28th.

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The services of the occasion were under the shade of trees, on the side of a beautiful hill. The oration, by N. Cleaveland, Esq., was a performance of unsurpassed eloquence and ability. The festivities in the tent were heightened by all the charms which beauty, intelligence, patriotism, and historical sentiment can give to such an occasion. About a 1000 persons of both sexes were assembled at the table, spread by the skill and experience of Mr. Wright. Dr. Huntington, ex-mayor of Lowell, presided, and several speeches were delivered.

In the procession, and on the ground were several very striking memorials of the olden time—particularly three or four couples, in the ancient pilgrim costume, such as marked the higher conditions of life, full wigs, three cornered hats, immense ruffles on breast and wrists, hoods, knee buckles, and the like. The wives rode on pillions behind their husbands, in the procession. There was among other things, a curious display of ancient New England implements of agriculture.

In short Topsfield did the thing in a style never surpassed, and none who participated in the celebration will cease to remember it with pleasure.

The following Ode, was written for the occasion by Miss H. F. Gould and sung in the grove :

The wilderness was deep and drear,
And mind a savage wild ;—
Chaotic darkness brooded here,
O'er man, the forest-child.
The Spirit, by our fathers, moved
Upon the face of Night,
When dawned the Day, that since hath proved
Two hundred years of light !

Then did a new-creation glow
With Order's primal rays,
While here the sons of God below
First sang Jehovah's praise.
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And great the work, for every hour,
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The earth, beneath the genial sway
Of Culture's wand, unsealed
The wealth that in her bosom lay,—
Her quickening powers revealed.
But richer—purer—unconfined
To time or earthly sphere,
The spirit gems—the wealth of mind
With lineal birthright here.

Behold the civil beauty shed
In wide survey around ;—
The fields with summer's beauty spread ;—
The hills with harvest crowned !
While finite eye must fail to trace
The shining marks of soul,
That, dating this its starting-place,
Has fixed in Heaven the goal !

To-day upon the spot we stand
Where kneeled our Sires of yore,
Imploring blessings for the land
When they should be no more.
To this they bore the ark of God,
And left it to their heirs ;
They left our Priest the budding rod
That blossoms now, and bears.

And while in yonder quiet graves
Their hallowed ashes rest,
Their children, moving as the waves,
Still guard their dear bequest.
And lo ! in joyous bands we come,
Our votive wreaths to twine—
As brethren to a father-home—
Round Memory's sacred shrine.

We come their honored names to bless,—
Their story to prolong,
Who startled here the wilderness
With Zion's pealing song ;
While, bending o'er the battlement
Of Heaven, they now behold
The spot whereto their footsteps bent
In earthly days of old.

The earth beneath the genial sky
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As brethren to a father-home—
Round Memory's sacred shrine.

We come their honored names to bless—
Their story to prolong,
Who started here the wilderness
With Zion's pealing song;
While, bending o'er the battlement
Of Heaven, they now behold
The spot whence their footsteps bent
In earthly days of old.

To that illustrious ancestry
 We'll sing aloud our claim,
 While marching to eternity
 In their Redeemer's name.
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 Have here been poured in swelling streams
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common interest—an old oak pulpit. A white tablet in front, told its story. Upon this was written in letters of bright purple amaranth, the names 'Capen,' 'Emerson' and the dates '1703-1759.' This relic of the third meeting house in the place, built 147 years ago, and taken down 91 years since, had been carefully preserved by Deacon George Bixby and his son. Behind it stood a high-backed oaken chair, which once stood, as the orator informed us in the course of his address, in that same old pulpit.

The choir was stationed about half-way up the mound and was under the direction of that excellent singer and chorister, Mr. William Hubbard, now of this city, but a native of Topsfield. The first exercise of the day was a voluntary by the choir, sung with much spirit and effect. The piece selected was a very good anthem, composed fifty years ago, in Topsfield, by that once celebrated singer and teacher, Jacob Kimball. The Rev. Mr. Atkinson, of the Methodist church in Topsfield, then read appropriate selections from the Scriptures. The bible used was printed in 1599 and has probably been in Topsfield 200 years. Rev. J. Augustine Hood of Middleton, next read a psalm written for the occasion by Rev. George Hood, of Southport, New York, a native of Topsfield, and set to music by his brother, Mr. Jacob Hood, of this city.

Tune—New Meadows.

O all ye people, praise the Lord
For all his matchless love and grace;
For true and faithful is his word,
To all the tribes of Adam's race.

Amid the bold adventurous host,
Our Fathers sought this distant land,
And chose this spot, our pride and boast,
As *home* for their true hearted band.

With prowling beasts, and savage men,
In faith and hope, they dauntless stood;
Then sung their anthems yet again,
And rear'd their altars to their God.

Nerv'd by a living faith, they rose
O'er ills, and toils, and dangers dire;
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With prowling beasts, and savage men,
In faith and hope, they dangerless stood;
Then sang their anthems yet again,
And trust'd their souls to their God.

Nerv'd by a living faith, they rose
O'er life, and tolls, and dangers dire;
Disease, nor death, nor savage foes,
Could quench the fervor of their fire.

They toil'd and pray'd ; we Lord are blest.
 To Thee, O God, shall praise be given
 Prepare us now, by Sovereign grace,
 To meet our sainted Sires in heaven.

There we will render ceaseless praise,
 To Thee, our *fathers'*, and *our* God,
 To thee, blest SPIRIT, chant our lays,
 And Thee, Divine, Incarnate WORD.

The Rev. Mr. McLoud, of the Congregational Society, then invoked the blessing of Heaven, in a short but most appropriate prayer. Benj. A. Gould, Esq., of Boston, next read an ode written for the occasion by his sister, Miss Hannah F. Gould, of Newburyport, who was present ; a portion of which was sung by the choir, to the tune of 'Topsfield,' another of Mr. Kimball's productions.

The address was delivered by NEHEMIAH CLEAVELAND, Esq., of Brooklyn, New York, eldest son of the late Dr. Cleaveland of Topsfield. The speaker commanded the deeply interested attention of more than three thousand people, for the space of nearly two hours. He fully met the high expectations of the audience, and the magnitude of the occasion. Every one was delighted. The Hon. Mr. Upham, in his speech at the dinner, remarked that, for eloquence, learning, research, humor, beauty and power, the discourse was unsurpassed.

Judge Cummings, and Benj. A. Gould, Esq., spoke of it in similar language, and the enthusiastic responses to these encomiums showed that the speakers uttered but the general sentiment of the assembled multitude. If the orator was fortunate in having so rich a history for his theme, Topsfield was fortunate in having such an orator to illustrate her history. It is of course quite impossible to give more than a brief and imperfect sketch of this able and elaborate discourse.

After an eloquent exordium, Mr. Cleaveland touched upon the aboriginal traditions of the place, once called by its savage occupants, SHE-WE-NE-ME-DY, and by their European successors, NEW MEADOWS, and afterwards incorporated by the name of Topsfield. The latter name was given, not as many suppose, on account of the hills which enclose the valley, but in grateful remembrance of Topsfield or Topesfield in England, from which place some of the early settlers undoubtedly came. The antiquity of the original Topsfield was ingeniously traced to the time of the Cesars. The corporation of Topsfield is 200 years old, but the first settlement is several years older, dating back as far probably as 1635.

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At the close of the address, the Rev. E. L. Cleaveland, originally of Topsfield, and now of New Haven, Ct., read an original hymn, which was sung to Old Hundred, by the choir and the immense congregation.

Here, mid the dense, brown, sylvan shade,
Humbly the banded exiles stood;
Here, to the One Supreme they prayed,
Here, with loud anthems shook the wood.

Stout were their hearts and strong their hands,
And fast the towering forest fell;
Soon gleamed the day on cultured lands,
Soon waved with corn each upland swell.

Then came the pious task to rear
Meet shrines, Benignant Power, for Thee;
Schools free as air were founded here,
And Law, and sacred Liberty.

O Thou, whose arm, all powerful, bore
Those pilgrims o'er the storm-swept sea,
And helped them plant along this shore,
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 And still be ours the heavenly flame,
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The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Samuel Gould, a native of Topsfield, now of Boothbay, Me. Upon or around the stage we noticed many men of mark from other parts of Essex County. The venerable Mr. Braman of Rowley, Mr. Kimball of Ipswich, Dr. Dana of Newburyport were there. There also were the Rev. Messrs. Worcester, Milton, Braman, Field, Thatcher, Taylor, &c., Rev. Asa Cummings of Portland, Me., Nathaniel Lord, Esq., the aged Register of Probate, Hon. Mr. Upham and Judge Perkins of Salem, Hon. Mr. Dodge of Hamilton, and many others not *less* honorable.

The procession was again formed, and marched down as far as the house of John Cleaveland, Esq., of New York, when it wheeled and countermarched, thus giving all an opportunity to see the whole procession. And it was well worth seeing. The long line of respectable citizens, with their wives, and sons, and daughters, was garnished near its centre by a singular spectacle. There were three young men on horseback, dressed in the costume of 1600, each having on a pillion behind him, a comely companion, similarly arrayed. Others followed in tri-cornered hats, with vast, bushy wigs, and other articles of antiquated garb. One individual seemed to be on his way to mill, for he had on his horse's back, two large bags, apparently of corn. Another was evidently bound for market, being mounted, and having on either side, a large pannier. We saw one lady whose costume of antiquated splendor, and whose immensely deep bonnet, drew much observation. This antique cavalcade was succeeded by an old dobbin of a horse driven by Mr. Edward Hood, drawing a wagon load of relics.—It contained a side-board, said to have belonged to Governor Bradstreet, an ancient oak chest made in 1685, with the original date upon it, an old winnowing fan, a large samp mortar, several snow shoes, some of the implements once used in the dressing of flax, and various agricultural tools, of the most ponderous and uncouth character.

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This was responded to by Benj. A. Gould, Esq., of Boston, who said, that though not born in Topsfield, he received the rudiments of his education there. He alluded in terms of high eulogy to his old teacher and minister, the Rev. Asahel Huntington. He referred to his brave ancestor, Lieut. John Gould, who was imprisoned in the time of Andros, for his bold speaking,—a circumstance which had been alluded to in the Address, and in regard to which he stated some additional particulars. He referred also to his grandfather, John Gould, who was, for nineteen eventful and successive years the representative of Topsfield in the General Court—and to his own father, Capt. Benj. Gould, of Topsfield, who took part in the events of the 19th of April and of the 17th of June, 1775, and commanded a company at West Point at the time of Arnold's defection. Mr. Gould concluded with a sentiment complimentary to the orator of the day.

Mr. Cleaveland, being thus called upon, replied, that after having occupied so large a share of the day, he supposed he might be excused if he should not say a word,—but in grateful acknowledgment of the flattering manner in which he had been alluded to, he would offer one or two thoughts. Mr. Cleaveland, then addressing the President, in a playful and amusing strain of remark, observed,—we little thought, sir, of such a scene as this, when, in the little red school-house just referred to by the last speaker, we made our first assaults on the English language—nor when we used, at recess, to run up to the old Capen house for a drink of water—nor when we robbed the meeting house of its gravel, and carried it in our aprons to build piers in the pond, in order to accomodate the navigation of that great inland lake—nor when we fished with pin-hooks in the brook—nor when, on Saturday afternoons, we started off with our birch baskets on our arms, to pick whortleberries in the old parsonage grounds; indeed, little did we think of anything ahead.

“No thought had we of ills to come,
No cares beyond the day.”

After a few more remarks, Mr. C. repeated a couple of stanzas from the poems of Miss Gould, as happily expressive of the emotions naturally excited on such an occasion.

He then said it was not uncommon on such occasions, to call for either a song or a story. He had attempted to tell his story, and he would give them the song. He then read with much effect the song which follows, premising that it was written by one who if not a daughter of Topsfield, is yet a daughter-in-law,

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and who could not, in his opinion, better have appreciated the proprieties of the occasion, had she even been a lineal descendant from old Zach Gould himself.

We the relics of ages, have here met together,
To say how d'ye do? to the past;
And to stop for discourse, Sir, Old Time, in his course, Sir,
Who once, did not travel so fast.

Then he'd pause on his walk, just to gossip and talk,
As he shook a few sands from his glass;
Now he travels by steam, shouting out with a scream,
"Clear the track, for my engine to pass!"

Come! just throw off your steam; tackle on your old team;
And jog on in the foot-path today.
We have met for "a talk:" put your steeds on a walk,
For, indeed, we've a great deal to say.

We've no victories to boast, and no heroes to toast,
Save the victors of plough shares and flail:
The weapons we wield, leave no stain on the field,
And no cheek in our warfare grows pale.

Well! as matters of pride, what have we, beside
Our sires, and our sons, and our soil?
We have mothers, and wives, the best gifts of our lives,
Sent to soften and cheer all our toil.

We have no railroads here, commanding to "clear
Off the track, with your cart and your team!"
No thousand mile wire comes to us with its fire,
More fleet than the sun's swiftest beam.

Our brook flows on still, just to carry our mill,
And our mill, like our swine, is corn-fed;
Our girls work with their mothers, and live with their
brothers,
And are to *home* industry bred.

They bloom and they toil, on their own native soil,
Shedding beauty and fragrance around,
And no lovelier display, than we see here to-day,
Could in court or in city be found.

and who could not in his opinion, better have appreciated the prophecies of the occasion, had she even been a literal historian—
dant from old Tash Gould himself.

We the relics of ages, have here met together,
To say how d'ye do? to the past;
And to stop for discourse, Sir, Old Time, in his course, Sir,
Who once, did not travel so fast.

Then he'd pause on his walk, just to gossip and talk,
As he shook a few sands from his glass;
Now he travels by steam, shouting out with a scream,
"Clear the track, for my engine to pass!"

Come! just throw off your steam; tuck in an' your old team;
And jog on in the foot-path today.
We have met for "a talk": but your steeds on a walk,
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We've no victories to boast, and no heroes to laud,
Save the victors of plough shares and flail;
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Well! as masters of peace, what have we, beside
Our lives, and our sons, and our soil?
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'Tis true, they're not drest in their "blue homespun best,"
 Once worn more for comfort than show,
 Our fair modern Jenny—is no spinning Jenny,
 And our maids are no milk-maids, you know.

Our swains are no more, as their grandsires of yore,
 Clad in home-spun from head to the heel;
 They have broadcloth for Mondays, as well as for Sundays,
 Without mother to spin or to reel.

Our boys too are *shod*—but their forefathers trod
 The green-sward with feet bare and free;
 They could go to a husking without a light buskin,
 Or their trousers strapped tight o'er the knee.

They could catch the old mare, and mounting back-bare,
 Trot off to the mill and the store,
 And like Gilpin would ride, with a jug on each side,
 And a long bag of corn on before.

They'd a very good rule, Sir, which was taught them at
 school, Sir,
 Along with their A and their B;
 When they met with their betters, those small men of
 letters,
 How to bend both the head and the knee.

Time keeps jogging along, while I halt in my song,
 Our Pegasus nags are both lame.
 I will take off *my* weight, *he* may "gang his ain gate,"
 'Tis hard his wild coursers to tame.

We have had a good meeting, and a right hearty greeting,
 With kinsfolk, acquaintance, and friends,
 So we part not in sadness, but look forward with gladness
 To a meeting that shall never end.

The following toast succeeded:—"We furnish you to-day,
 neither *mint* julips nor *anise* cordial:—charge us not with
 neglecting the weightier matters of the *Law* if we pay our tithe
 of *cumin*."

This brought up Judge Cummins, a native of Topsfield, who
 addressed the meeting at some length, in a strain of tender and
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 addressed the meeting at some length, in a strain of tender and
 touching remarks. He said he had come hither to see the friends

of his youth. But where had he found them? For the most part, among the dead. He described with much tenderness, his visit, that morning to the family burying-ground—dwelt upon, and commended the increased attention, now paid to rural cemeteries. He urged with much effect, the superior value of moral improvement, as compared with that, which is merely intellectual. He closed with a eulogistic description of his early minister and instructor, the Rev. Mr. Huntington, and advised all the people, who would like to know what sort of man he was, to read, in the 'Deserted Village' of Goldsmith, that inimitable description of the village parson.

At this point, the President of the Day was compelled to leave, and called Mr. N. Cleaveland to the chair.

The next toast was as follows: "Lieutenant Francis Peabody—The patriarchal head of a mighty host. There have been few armies better officered."

The President, after waiting a few moments, remarked that as every descendant of the old Lieutenant, seemed disposed to dodge, he would call upon a gentleman whom he saw at the Table, who though his name might seem to justify dodging, was never known to *Dodge* any responsibility.

This called to his feet the Hon. Allen W. Dodge, of Hamilton, who stated, that since he had been here, he had almost made up his mind to become a *native* of Topsfield. After expressing his high satisfaction with all the performances of the occasion, he spoke of the Topsfield farmers, as ranking among the best and most intelligent in the County, and alluded with much felicity, to the ancient implements of husbandry, in Mr. Hood's old wagon, and remarked upon the difficulties under which the farmers of former days labored in the hard task of subduing the soil, and concluded with a sentiment complimentary to the Topsfield farmers.

The next toast was this: "The descendants of Mr. William Perkins. They have reason to be proud of their ancestors—and he would not blush, could he now behold his sons."

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"The Law Officer for Essex County: a son of Topsfield,—long and well approved by all the friends of order and good morals. We never heard the others praise him.

'What rogue e'er felt the halter draw
With good opinion of the law!'"

The gentleman, here referred to, who was present a short time before the toast was given, is supposed to have received some sudden and imperative call on official business, for no answer came to the sentiment.

"The mothers and daughters of our town, with their sisters from elsewhere, who grace our festival to-day: They belong to that moiety of the human family, which was once toasted, somewhere hereabouts, as 'the Fair Sect.' If the adhesion to them *sectarianism*, then we are all *sectarians*."

"She-we-ne-me-dy, and the symbols which remind us of our tawny predecessors. We would like to *hear*, as well as see some from *Indian Hill*."

Major Ben. Perley Poore then favored the company with some easy and happy remarks. He began by intimating that the President must have forgotten some portion of his experience, when at Dummer Academy, or he would not now have called upon *him* to say anything. *His* business he said, was that of a *reporter*, rather than of a *maker* of speeches. He alluded to the Indian relics which he had contributed, and spoke of those brave old hunters and warriors to whom those relics once belonged. He spoke of the occasion and of the display which he had witnessed, and intimated that it compared favorably with anything which he had witnessed in other and older portions of the world. A sentiment, complimentary to the hills and the sons, the vales and the daughters of Topsfield, concluded his remarks.

"Topsfield Farmers. Through all the past, they have been a valiant and sturdy race. May their sons, through all the future, maintain the habits, the principles, and the virtues which made their fathers so respectable."

Deacon Joel Peabody of Topsfield, responded. He said he would not contend that the present farmers of Topsfield, are as *sturdy* as their fathers—that they are not as *valiant*, remains to be proved. He showed how the sons might realize the wish expressed in the sentiment, namely: by cherishing habits of industry and virtue, by the cultivation and improvement of their minds, and by showing the same high regard for religion, which distinguished their ancestors.

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The President held up a small brass box, which he said once belonged to Polin* Wildes, whose name occurs among the earliest settlers of the town. Mr. Wildes was a surveyor, and was often employed in this and the other provinces. The little box—like that to which the last speaker had alluded, contained a compass—and had undoubtedly been the companion and guide of the old surveyor in many a trackless forest. The following toast was then read." The compass, which guided through these wilds, the first of the Wildeses. Thanks to those hardy pioneers, their posterity requires no such aid." The Wildeses were here called on to speak—but the call did not seem to be heard. "Thomas Perkins, the first of Topsfield. Of his numerous, prosperous and widely-spread descendants, there must be some one here, who can speak for the family." Horatio N. Perkins, Esq., of Boston, came forward to this call. He told us that he claimed the honor of a descent from that good Deacon Thomas Perkins. That his grandfather removed from Topsfield, at a time when it had become comparatively old, into the woods of Maine, settling

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in a place which had then no name, but which afterwards became Kennebunk Port; he spoke of the pleasant visits, which he had heretofore made in Topsfield, to look up the homes of his remote ancestors, and to learn something of their history, and concluded with an appropriate sentiment.

Topsfield Manufacturers—

A stirring, thriving set are they,
Who e'er caught them a napping?
Or passed their busy shops by day,
And did not hear their tapping?

"Our country? its population, which in 1650 consisted of a few thousands, has swelled to many millions. The small dependent colonies of that day have grown into a great nation; scarcely inferior to any other in numbers and power,—second to none, in the better elements of prosperity, intelligence, good government, and true liberty. In view of a past and present so astounding, will any imagination venture to conceive what will be the grandeur and glory of North America, a century hence! May prosperity attend the old town of Topsfield! God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and long preserve the Union."

In the course of these exercises, a fine ode written by Mrs. S. D. Peabody, of Topsfield, and also a glee, were sung by a quartette, consisting of Messrs. W. R. Hubbard, B. Whitmore, G. H. Smith, M. Horn.

ODE—BY MRS. S. D. PEABODY.

As children long from home away,
Hail the glad jubilee,
Which finds them all in fair array,
Beneath the old roof-tree:—

So we to-day rejoicing come,
Kindred and friends to greet,
And give affection's tear to some,
We would, but cannot, meet.

Here, where our happy childhood sped,
'Till graver years drew on,
And, 'till as varying fortunes led,
We parted, one by one.

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Topsfield Manuscript—

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Or passed their busy days by day,
And did not hear their tapping?

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Here—where amid primeval shades,
But not of classic fame,
Our sires, from England's blooming glades,
To toil and trial came—

Here meet we—glad, a day's brief space
To give to auld lang syne,—
And o'er our fathers' resting place,
A garland green to twine.

Those fathers' memory we bless,
Oft as we hear the tale,
Whose hands transformed a wilderness
To this delightful vale.

Yet, chiefly, that from them we gain,
Through each successive age,
A lineage without a stain,—
Our noblest heritage.

Their glory this—a virtuous name!
Earth has no richer crown:
Spotless to us the honor came,
Such, let us pass it down.

The last exercise was an original song by a native of Topsfield sung to the air of auld lang syne, by Mr. B. Whitmore. An immense number joined in the chorus, and produced a highly inspiring influence.

SONG.

I'll sing a song of other days,
A tale of ancient time
Come brothers, all, the chorus raise,
And lift a shout sublime.
For auld lang syne, to-day,
For auld lang syne,
We've gathered and we'll chant a lay
Of auld lang syne.

Praise to our sires, the axe who swung,
First on the wooded plains,
While wide the forest round them rung,
And hills replied again.

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For auld lang syne, today,
For auld lang syne,
We've gathered and we'll chant a lay,
Of auld lang syne.

Praise to our sires, the axe who swung,
First on the wooded plain,
While wide the forest round them rung,
And hills replied again.

For auld lang syne, come out,
 For auld lang syne,
 And celebrate the woodsmen stout,
 For auld lang syne.

In vain, was bent the red man's bow,
 In vain his arrow sped,
 For soon repulsed, the savage foe
 To wilds remoter fled.
 For auld lang syne again,
 For auld lang syne
 We sing those sturdy Englishmen
 Of auld lang syne.

Long o'er the land which they regained
 From Nature's ruder sway,
 Peace, order, justice, freedom reigned,
 A bright and tranquil day.
 For auld lang syne once more,
 For auld lang syne,
 We con the pleasing legends o'er
 Of auld lang syne.

When dark? Oppression, threat'ning rose,
 And Might, usurping, grew,—
 Submission base, the choice, or blows,
 To arms, our father flew.
 For auld lang syne, these strains,
 For auld lang syne,
 We swell to those who broke our chains,
 In auld lang syne.

On Bunker's hill of glorious name,
 And on the Hudson's side,
 And many a deathless field of fame,
 They poured their heart's warm tide.
 For auld lang syne, we shed,
 For auld land syne,
 Our tears above the mighty dead
 Of auld land syne.

Long may the rights those heroes won
 From Power's reluctant hand,
 Unmarred descend from sire to son,
 The glory of our land.

For auld lang syne
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 And o'er the woodman's bow,
 For auld lang syne
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 A bright and sunny day,
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 And night, warping, grew—
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The singing, both in the grove and in the Pavilion, was executed in admirable style. The Salem Band under the direction of Mr. Morse, performed their part, in the march, at the grove, and in the Pavilion, to the full satisfaction of all. The thanks of the Assembly were voted with great seeming cordiality to the COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS, (Messrs. Merriam, Cleaveland, Munday, Batchelder, Hood and Towne), and well did they deserve the tribute. The unqualified satisfaction, expressed by all, whether citizens or strangers, in the entire proceedings of this delightful day, unmarred as they were by a single disturbance or failure, is the highest testimony, which could be paid to the arrangements of the committee, so well carried out by the chief marshall and his aids and assistants.

In the course of the proceedings, it was announced that answers had been received from several gentlemen to whom letters of invitation had been sent. We have room to give only the names of these gentlemen. The Rev. Josiah Peabody of Erzroom in Persia, Hon. Daniel Breck, member of the present Congress from Kentucky, Rev. George Hood, Southport, N. Y., Rev. Jonas Merriam, Barnard, Me., N. Cleaveland Bradstreet, Rochester, N. Y. all of whom are natives of Topsfield. One also from Rodney Gove Dennis, of Grafton, Mo., formerly a minister in Topsfield, and one from Hon. Daniel A. White of Salem.

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ASSISTANT MARSHALL. Thos. L. Lane, of Topsfield, has been appointed Assistant Marshall, to take the census in Topsfield and Middleton.

Salem Register, Aug. 22, 1850.

FOR THE REGISTER.

CELEBRATION IN TOPSFIELD. Thursday next, the 29th of August, will be a day of much interest to the citizens of Topsfield, who will then celebrate the Second Centennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town. Many of their kindred and friends, from Salem and elsewhere, will be present to enjoy the festivities of the occasion; and as there is no regular mode of conveyance thence from this city, by which persons can go and return on the same day, the writer would suggest, to those who

For and lang syne to-day,
For and lang syne,
We've gathered and we've sung our lay
Of and lang syne.

The singing, both in the grove and in the Pavilion, was executed in admirable style. The entire Band under the direction of Mr. Morse performed their part in the march, at the grove, and in the Pavilion, to the full satisfaction of all. The thanks of the Assembly were voted with great seeming cordially to the Committee on Arrangements (Messrs. Merriam, Cleveland, Mearns, Hatchelder, Hood and Towne), and well did they deserve the tribute. The unqualified satisfaction, expressed by all, whether citizens or strangers, in the entire proceedings of this delightful day, unmarred as they were by a single disturbance or failure, is the highest testimony, which could be paid to the arrangements of the committee, so well carried out by the chief marshal and his aids and assistants.

In the course of the proceedings, it was announced that answers had been received from several gentlemen to whom letters of invitation had been sent. We have room to give only the names of these gentlemen. The Rev. Josiah Peabody of Exeter in Maine, Hon. Daniel Brock, member of the present Congress from Kentucky, Rev. George Hood, Southampton, N. Y., Rev. Jonas Merriam, Harvard, Mass., N. Cleveland Hatchelder, Rochester, N. Y. all of whom are natives of Topsfield. One also from Rodney Gove Ives, of Grafton, Mass., formerly a minister in Topsfield, and one from Hon. Daniel A. White of Salem.

Salem Gazette, Sep. 3, 1850.

Assistant Marshal. Thos. L. Lane, of Topsfield, has been appointed Assistant Marshal, to take the census in Topsfield and Middleton.

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Celebration in Topsfield. Tomorrow next, the 29th of August, will be a day of much interest to the citizens of Topsfield, who will then celebrate the Second Centennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town. Many of their kindred and friends, from Salem and elsewhere, will be present to enjoy the festivities of the occasion; and as there is no regular mode of conveyance thence from this city, by which persons can go and return on the same day, the writer would suggest, to those who

may be interested, that a coach, or perhaps a number of coaches, to leave Salem at an early hour on the morning of the 29th, and to return after the celebration shall have closed, might be well freighted with passengers, if they should be provided for the occasion, and seasonable notice of the fact advertised in the city papers. Will not some of the owners of coaches attend to this matter?

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CONVEYANCE TO TOPSFIELD.

MR. S. SPAULDING, proprietor of the North Danvers Stage, states that he will take passengers to Topsfield, THIS MORNING, at a quarter before 8 o'clock, and at a quarter past 10 o'clock, and will return at the close of the exercises. Fare each way 50 cents. Passengers will be taken from the Salem Depot, the Essex House, and the Mansion House.

Salem Register, Aug. 29, 1850.

BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

TOPSFIELD, AUG. 29, 1850.

In accordance with a custom which is yearly becoming more and more popular, a few days ago we embraced the opportunity of quitting our usual round of daily toil, for a short season of healthful rusticity among the woods and fields, and rural scenes of this pleasant town, which we are proud to claim as the place of our nativity. Eighteen years of absence have only served to strengthen the memory and enhance the attachment we have ever felt for this home of our childhood. The bustle and excitement, the pomp and pageantry of city life, have only rendered more vivid the sentiment so well and so briefly expressed by Goldsmith—

“Where'er I roam, whatever realms to see,
My heart, untrav'l'd, fondly turns to thee.”

The stirring and extraordinary events of to-day, on which we celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town, evince to what an extent this feeling pervades the hearts of the native-born sons and daughters of this ancient town. At an early hour this morning, vehicles of every description began to pour in from all points of the compass, bringing hundreds, nay, thousands of men, women and children, eager to witness and participate in the festivities of the day. The village presented a spectacle of busy life and bustling activity, such as

may be interested that a coach, or perhaps a number of coaches, to leave Salem at an early hour on the morning of the 29th, and to return after the celebration shall have closed, might be well freighted with passengers, if they should be provided for the occasion, and reasonable notice of the fact advertised in the city papers. Will not some of the owners of coaches attend to this matter?

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CONVYANCE TO TORONTO.

Mr. S. SEARANCE, proprietor of the North Western Stage, states that he will take passengers to Toronto, THIS MORNING, at a quarter before 8 o'clock, and at a quarter past 10 o'clock, and will return at the close of the exercises. Fare each way 50 cents. Passengers will be taken from the Salem Depot, the Essex House, and the Mansion House.

Salem Register, Aug. 29, 1850.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

Toronto, Aug. 29, 1850.

In accordance with a custom which is yearly becoming more and more popular, a few days ago we embraced the opportunity of quitting our usual round of daily toil, for a short season of healthful rambles among the woods and fields, and rural scenes of this pleasant town, which we are proud to claim as the place of our nativity. Eighteen years of absence have only served to strengthen the memory and enhance the attachment we have ever felt for this home of our childhood. The bustle and excitement, the pomp and pageantry of city life, have only rendered more vivid the sentiment so well and so briefly expressed by Goldsmith—

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has seldom ruffled the quiet of its peaceful borders. The joyful greetings of relatives long separated by time and distance, and the smiling recognition of friends whom no other event would ever have called together, and many of whom may to-day, for the last time, have exchanged mutual and heartfelt congratulations, have given a pleasing and exciting character to the occasion, which must ever remain fresh in the memory of every one present.

The Indian name of this town, as you are aware, was SHEWEE-NE-MEA-DY. The land belonged to the tribes of the Agawams, by whose chief it was sold to John Winthrop, eldest son of Governor Winthrop, in the year 1638 for £20. At the session of November 5, 1639, it was granted to the inhabitants of Salem and Ipswich, and was by the whites called "New Meadows." The place was settled about this time. On the 18th of October, 1650, it was incorporated as the Town of Topsfield—a name which was borne by a small village in the county of Essex, in England, and whose etymology has been traced back, into the dim ages of the past, no less than 800 years. The anticipatory celebration of the bi-centennial anniversary, which would properly occur on the 18th of October next, was rendered necessary for the accommodation of the orator, as well as desirable on account of the season.

At 10 o'clock A. M., a procession was formed on the Common, under the direction of Major Nathaniel Conant, which, preceded by the music of Morse's Salem Brass Band, moved through the village to the grove where the Address was to be pronounced. The entrance to the grove, from the main road—across which was stretched the national ensign—was decorated with an arch, tastefully trimmed with evergreen, and bearing the inscription, "Centennial Hill," formed of oak-leaves. This hill, on land of Edward Hood, Esq., is a beautiful, semi-circular mound, tolerably shaded with a young growth of forest trees, and on its top, from an elevated staff, waved the American flag. On a portion of its eastern side, seats had been erected for the accommodation of about 1000 persons; and at its base stood a canopied pavilion, some 10 feet wide by 12 or 14 high, for the orator and others. This was trimmed on the outside with the savin shrub, the inside being lined with white cloth, relieved in the rear by three arches of oak-leaves, in the centre of each of which was a winter-green star, encircled in a wreath of evergreen, with bouquets of green and flowers beneath. The upper front bore the inscription,

NEW MEADOWS,

1639

TOPSFIELD

1650

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New Meadows,

1839

Topsfield

1850

The whole was surmounted by an iron weather-vane, some 12 inches long by 5 wide, in which the date 1697 was cut. This ancient indicator of "the way the wind blows" was taken from the second meeting house in the town, erected in the old burial ground, in 1676. Among the ancient relics that adorned the interior of this pavilion, was the paneled pulpit from which the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Capen and John Emerson delivered their gospel messages to our fathers, in the first church erected on the Common (three, including the present neat structure, have been successively built on the same site), from 1703 to 1759. At the left hand side of the pulpit, supported by an iron rod about 2 1-2 feet long, was its former concomitant the "hour glass," which, in the absence of clocks and watches, was then used to indicate the passage of time—the sand requiring just one hour to run from one globe to the other. When the upper section of the glass was empty, it was reversed by the sexton; and thus, by the dropping "sands of time," the good parson would regulate the religious services of the sanctuary. In the rear of the pulpit stood the same high-back, unstuffed chair that kept it companionship, in the church mentioned above, for 56 years, and is now nearly 150 years old.

About 11 o'clock, the procession having arrived at Centennial Hill—the whole eastern side of which, from base to apex, was crowded with a dense mass of human beings, to the number of from two to three thousand—the services were conducted in the following order, viz. :—

1. Voluntary, by a select choir, including several of the best vocalists in Salem, under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Hubbard,* long known in your vicinity as an able and successful teacher of music.

2. Reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. Mr. Atkinson, of the Methodist church, from a Bible printed in 1599.

3. Original Hymn, by Rev. George Hood,* sung to a tune composed by Jacob Hood,* Esq., of Salem.

4. Some slight delay being occasioned by altering the location of the pulpit, so as to shield the speaker's face from the direct rays of a scorching sun, the choir performed another voluntary, entitled "Topsfield."

5. Prayer, by Rev. Anson McLoud, of the Congregationalist church.

6. An original ode, by Hannah Flagg Gould of Newburyport.

7. Address, by NEHEMIAH CLEAVELAND,* Esq., formerly preceptor of Dummer Academy, in Byfield, and now a teacher in Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Native, but non-resident of Topsfield.

The whole was surmounted by an iron weather-vane, some 32 inches long by 5 wide, in which the date 1697 was cut. This ancient indicator of "the way the wind blows" was taken from the second meeting house in the town, erected in the old burial ground, in 1816. Among the ancient relics that adorned the interior of this pavilion, was the paneled pulpit from which the Rev. Messrs. Joseph Caper and John Knappson delivered their gospel messages to our fathers in the first church erected on the Common (these, including the present nest structure, have been successively built on the same site, from 1703 to 1750). At the left hand side of the pulpit, supported by an iron rod about 2-1/2 feet long, was its former concomitant the "hour glass," which, in the absence of clocks and watches, was then used to indicate the passage of time—the sand requiring just one hour to run from one globe to the other. When the upper section of the glass was empty, it was reversed by the sexton; and thus, by the dropping "sands of time," the good pastor would regulate the religious services of the sanctuary. In the rear of the pulpit stood the same high-back, upstated chair that kept it company-ship, in the church mentioned above, for 66 years, and is now nearly 150 years old.

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3. Original Hymn, by Rev. George Hood, & sung to a tune composed by Jacob Hood, * Bap., of Salem.
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5. Prayer, by Rev. Amos Meland, of the Congregationalist church.
6. An original ode, by Hannah Flegg Gould of Newburyport.
7. Address, by NATHAN OAKMAN, * Bap., formerly preceptor of Danvers Academy, in Tyfield, and now a teacher in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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The address of Mr. Cleaveland was an effort of unsurpassed ability. Although he has had but one month to investigate the records of five or six generations, and prepare himself to meet the demands of the occasion, the result of his labors evinces a very extensive research, and a careful collation and judicious arrangement of materials, which he has presented in a most able, eloquent, and interesting manner. For two long hours he enchaind the attention of that vast audience, in the open air, who seemed to hang upon his words as if under the influence of a mighty spell. His address was eminently patriotic, manly and just; his enunciation bold, powerful, and clear, though somewhat rapid. No mere sketch, however faithful, could convey an adequate idea of the whole performance, and we will not do the orator the injustice to attempt one—especially as the Address is to be issued in pamphlet form. Its principal divisions embraced the civil and municipal affairs of the town; its ecclesiastical history; its schools and schoolmasters; its doctors and lawyers; the genealogy of the first and most distinguished families of the town; its ancient houses; a consideration of the question whether we have made any actual advance upon the past; and a comparison of the superior privileges and advantages enjoyed by the people of the present day over those possessed by their worthy ancestors. The speaker's occasional attempts at pleasantry were peculiarly happy, giving evidence of a rich vein of satirical humor, in the mental strata of his well cultivated mind, seldom to be met with. At the same time that these touches were spicy, and inoffensive, they were, in several instances, highly complimentary to their subject. The address was not only instructive, but intensely interesting throughout.

8. An original Hymn, by the orator of the day, sung by the whole assembly to the tune of Old Hundred, and a Benediction, closed the services at the grove, at half past 1 P. M.

In honor of native genius and talent, the music performed on this occasion, except the first and last tunes, was selected from the works of the late Jacob Kimball, a celebrated teacher and composer of music, who was born in Topsfield, in February, 1761. He was a graduate of Harvard University, of the class of 1780. After completing a course of law studies, he was admitted to the bar, and pleaded at least one case; but he relinquished the pursuit of the law, and devoted himself almost exclusively to the study and composition of music. In 1793, he published a volume of sacred music, of 112 pages, entitled the "Rural Harmony," another in 1800, the "Essex Harmony," of 112 pages, both composed by himself; as also a manuscript volume of sacred music never published. He was likewise a disciple of the poetic

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The procession was re-formed at the grove, whence it proceeded to a large pavilion on the eastern side of the Common, where a sumptuous dinner had been provided for some 825 persons, by Mr. John Wright of Boston. But before indulging in the luxuries of the table, we will take a brief survey of the procession, which contains some rare and noticeable features. Prominent among them were three young gentlemen and their ladies, dressed in the rich and peculiar costume of the wealthier classes in the early days of New England, and mounted upon pillions—a mode of equestrian travel on which the march of civilization has made no improvement. The general paraphernalia of the ladies consisted of figured and changeable open silk dresses, displaying richly wrought and brilliantly colored skirts, and plain muslin inside handkerchiefs—the sleeves were short, with double ruffles falling over the elbows, and long mits. Over the neck and shoulders were thrown small, colored shawls, trimmed with lace. We believe the bonnet, or hat was of the cottage style, but of its form we can give no intelligible description. The gentlemen wore long, light coats, breeches with knee-buckles, wrought shoes with buckles, light-colored, curled wigs, three-cornered hats, and spectacles. Two or three other gentlemen were arrayed in the more common dress of the laboring classes, mounted on horses, with their bags of corn and market baskets behind them—the mode of “going to mill” and market, before the invention or common use of wagons. In the assembly on the hill, we noticed a lady dressed in a costly habit, that was worn 150 years ago.

Following these was a light wagon, containing a variety of relics, from 100 to 200 years old. Among them was an oak, paneled side-board, formerly the property of Gov. Simon Bradstreet, who emigrated from England and was an early resident of Topsfield, and whose dust now reposes in the Charter street burial-ground, in your city. Also, a paneled oak chest, made in 1685 ; a wooden samp-mortar, in which corn was formerly prepared for samp ; a steel bear-trap ; wool card ; garter loom ; snow shoes ; piggin ; wooden rye-cradle ; saddle bags ; wooden scales, with stone weights of 1 lb. each ; wooden shovels, bound with iron, &c. &c. On a long board, conspicuously displayed, were the following :

A title deed, from “John Gold, jr., and Thomas Gold,” conveying about 3,000 acres of land to John Gold, sen., their father, in 1686.

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A printed commission, from "Wm. Stoughton, Esq., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England," Captain of the Foot Company of Militia in the Town of Topsfield, within the County of Essex, dated August, 1696.

A copy of the Declaration of Independence, printed in 1776, and bought at that time by the late Rev. Daniel Gould, of Topsfield, a soldier of the Revolution.

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Also two poetical effusions, printed in 1776, and written by Mr. John Hovey, of Topsfield. The first is entitled, in part, "Oppression: A Poem. Or, New-England's lamentation on the dreadful Extortion and other sins of the Times." The other, "A Short Account of the Troubles and Dangers our Forefathers met with to obtain this land: Shewing the Right their Children have to it at this Day."

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Three specimens of colonial "shin-plasters," issued in 1775, 1776, and 1778.

An Almanac, by Nathaniel Ames, printed in 1737.

A "Discourse of Housbandrie," dated 1580.

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The Dinner was equally successful with all the other arrangements of the day. Dr. Elisha Huntington* of Lowell, presided, and addresses were made by him, by Hon. Charles W. Upham; by the Orator, Mr. Cleaveland; B. A. Gould, Esq., of Boston; Judge Cummins,* formerly of Salem; Hon. Allen W. Dodge of Hamilton; Maj. B. Perley Poore; Dea. Peabody, and others. Songs, Glees, Instrumental music and Sentiments were freely interspersed—an admirable quartette club from your city, and Morse's excellent band, led by the "silver bugle," furnishing music of a superior order.

Mr. Upham touched very happily upon some incidents which had been alluded to in Mr. Cleaveland's Address, connected with the witchcraft delusion, and with the history of old Gov. Bradstreet. In reference to the Governor, I quote a passage from Mr. U's Fourth of July Oration in 1842, where the same topic is very graphically discussed as follows:

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duced to a subject Province. But the period of fifty-five years, during which the satisfactions and the privileges of self-government had been experienced, stamped the character of the people forever. Two successive generations had been thoroughly saturated with the spirit of liberty. It had become mingled with their very heart's blood, and ever after naturally descended in their race as a constitutional and inherent element. No oppression could eradicate, and no lapse of time could exhaust it. The tree had taken root deep in the soil, fastening itself inextricably to the primitive granite of the globe itself; its trunk was clothed with a rugged strength that no storms nor hurricanes could break or bend; and branches were put forth which will surely spread until the whole continent reclines beneath their peaceful shade.

The abrogation of the charter of Massachusetts was one of the first fruits of the restoration of the Stuarts to the English throne, on the ruins of the cause of civil and religious liberty. It was resolved by that despotic dynasty to trample out the last spark of freedom on both sides of the Atlantic. Regular troops were, for the first time, sent over to the colonies to overawe and enslave the people. Their several governments were abolished. Their Houses of Assembly were dissolved, and all power was concentrated in the unrestrained hands of a Governor General appointed by the crown. Few in number as the colonists then were, and unbounded as was the arbitrary power of the mother country, such a destruction of their most sacred rights was not unresistingly borne, and it is to the honor of the people of Essex county that no where was the resistance bolder and no where were such heavy penalties incurred in consequence. But open and general rebellion was vain. To attempt it then would have been insanity, and a suffering and indignant people had no alternative but to bide its time.

About three years after this tyrannical system of colonial administration had been established a rumor reached Boston that the Prince of Orange had landed in England to dethrone James the Second, and before waiting for the confirmation of the rumor, or the result of the expedition, the irrepressible spirit of the people burst forth, they rushed from all quarters into Boston, seized the Royal Governor in his fort and imprisoned him there, and with acclamations of unbounded joy, reinstated their charter government, called back old Simon Bradstreet to the chair of state, and again for a brief period enjoyed the sweets of liberty and independence.

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Dr. Huntington resigned the chair at an early hour, and was succeeded by Mr. Cleaveland who discharged the duties very felicitously and acceptably. Letters were read from distinguished natives of Topsfield, who were unable to be present, and a humorous poem, composed for the occasion by a lady. An original ode, also, was sung by the quartette club. Ladies graced the tables by their presence—a novel feature at our public dinners, but one which ought to be more generally adopted. The festivities were prolonged until 6 o'clock, P. M., when the company adjourned with reluctance, having enjoyed a day of uninterrupted pleasure. A ball in the evening closed this glorious Bi-Centennial celebration.

On motion of Asahel Huntington,* Esq., it was unanimously voted that the Address and a detailed account of the proceedings be published, in a form suitable for permanent preservation.

S. N. Y.

Salem Register, Sept. 2, 1850.

THE TOPSFIELD CELEBRATION.

CENTENNIAL HYMNS.

We meet to sing this morning,
Of scenes long passed away,
In happiness rejoicing,
That we have met to-day.
We've met to thank that Father
Who guards us here below,
As did our ancient Sires,
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THE TOPSFIELD CENTENNIAL HYMN.

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Who guards us here below,
As did our ancient sires,
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We've met, a prayer to offer
 To Him, who rules the sphere,
 That we may never wander,
 But follow, love and fear
 Our blessed Lord and Master,
 Where bliss like rivers flow
 As did our Pilgrim Fathers
 Two Hundred years ago.

Prepare us Lord, to meet them,
 In that bright world of joy,
 With loving smiles to greet them,
 Where nought can us annoy.
 To meet, in realms of glory,
 Our Fathers:—there to know:
 They lived on earth before us,
 Two Hundred years ago.

We thank Thee, for this favour,
 Of meeting here to-day
 And may it be recorded,
 When we have passed away.
 We thank Thee for each blessing
 That we receive below,
 As did our Pilgrim Fathers,
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Topsfield, Aug. 1850.

F. G. P

Come, Fathers, wives and children,
 Come—all without delay;
 Come—celebrate with pleasure,
 This anniversary day.

Come—with your hearts o'er flowing,
 With thankfulness and praise;
 To Him, who guards us daily,
 To Him, your praises raise.

Our Fathers braved all dangers,
 And cross'd the Ocean's waves;
 Then settled in these vallies,
 Beside the *red man's* graves.

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And answered them with mercies,
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Behold *our* pleasant village,
'Twas once a pathless wood:
Two Hundred years of changes,
Has brought us all this good.

Now let our praise ascending,
Be heard both far and near
That every son of freedom,
In bliss and peace may hear.

May God, who reigns in heaven,
Our constant helper be;
And save our land from danger
And keep our nation free.

Topsfield, Aug. 1850.

O. P. H.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 10, 1850.

Administrator's Sale.

By order of Probate Court, will be sold at Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 14th day of October next, at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the premises, SO MUCH OF THE REAL ESTATE of ELIZABETH TOWNE, late of Topsfield, single woman, deceased, as will raise the sum of four hundred thirty dollars, for the payment of her just debts and incidental charges.

Said estate is situated in the southwesterly part of Topsfield, and consists of about ten acres of Pasture and Meadow—Land bounded by land of Daniel and Sewall Towne, and others.

Also—the right of redemption of about six acres of Pasture Land, with a small house thereon—bounded by the aforesaid lot and land of the estate of Lydia Towne, deceased.

Also—the right of redemption of one undivided third part of about 27 acres of Pasture and Meadow Land—bounded northwardly by the aforesaid lots,—and owned in common with David Towne, and the estate of Lydia Towne, and known as the "Ackley thirds;" at which time the undivided right belonging to the estate of Lydia Towne will be sold.

Conditions made known at the sale.

JOHN G. HOOD, Adm'r.

Topsfield, Sept. 21, 1850.

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Salem Gazette, Sept. 10, 1850.

Administrator's Sale.

By order of Probate Court, will be sold at Public Auction on MONDAY, the 11th day of October next at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the premises, SO MUCH OF THE REAL ESTATE OF ESTHER TOWNE, late of Topsfield, single woman, deceased, as will raise the sum of four hundred thirty dollars, for the payment of her just debts and incidental charges.

Said estate is situated in the southwesterly part of Topsfield, and consists of about ten acres of Pasture and Meadow—land bounded by land of Daniel and Sewall Towne, and others.

Also—the right of redemption of about six acres of Pasture land, with a small house thereon—bounded by the aforesaid lot and land of the estate of Lydia Towne, deceased.

Also—the right of redemption of one undivided third part of about 37 acres of Pasture and Meadow land—bounded northwardly by the aforesaid lot, and owned in common with David Towne, and the estate of Lydia Towne, and known as the "Ack-ley thins," at which time the undivided right belonging to the estate of Lydia Towne will be sold.

Conditions made known at the sale.

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Topsfield, Sept. 21, 1850. Salem Gazette, Sept. 21, 1850.

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Pears,—Beurre d'Amalis, Catalac, Dix, Buffum, Vicar of Winkfield, Easter Beurre, Seckel, Duchess d'Angouleme, Beurre Diel, Glout Morceau, Dunmore, Harvard, St. Ghislain, Louise Bonne de Jersey, Andrews, Napoleon Seedling, Golden Beurre, Belle Lucrative, Frederick of Wertemburg, Long Green, Cushing, Winter Nelis, Bartlett, Dearborn's Seedling, Fulton, and several Seedlings. *Plums*,—Black Imperial, Green Gage, New Orleans, Prince's Imperial. *Peaches*,—Jaques, Manning's Red, Yellow, Alberge, Napoleon, Early Crawford, Brown, Jenk's Red, seedlings. *Grapes*,—3 kinds of cultivated native. *Quinces*,—Orange. *Apples*,—Perkin's Sweet, Minister, Danvers Sweet, Golden Russet, Baking Sweet, York Greening, Cart House, Spitzenburg, Red Eagle, Striped Sweet, Kilham Hill, Jenny Lind, (a beautiful new specimen), Fall Harvey, York Russet, Baldwin, Alexander, Winter Green, Yellow Bellflower, Porter, R. Island Greening, Russet Pearmain, Roxbury Russet, Hubbard, None such, Aunt Hannah, White Bellflower, Ribstone Pippin, Golden Queen, Gilliflower.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 27, 1850.

GEORGETOWN RAILROADS. In addition to the two chartered and surveyed Railroad routes, continuing the Newburyport Railroad from Georgetown by one route to the Boston and Maine Railroad at Bradford and by the other to the Essex Railroad at North Andover, we learn that the question of reviving the old Salem and Georgetown railroad route, so far at least as from Georgetown, by the way of Boxford and Topsfield, to the Essex Railroad at North Danvers is again agitated, and that measures are in progress to call an early meeting of the friends of the project with a view to promote its completion.—*Reg.*

Salem Gazette, Sept. 27, 1850.

FIRE IN TOPSFIELD. About 8 o'clock last evening (Friday), a barn belonging to Miss Mulliken, in Topsfield, near the meeting house, was struck by lightning, and totally destroyed, with all its contents, including ten tons of hay. Six persons were in the barn, when it was struck, but none of them were injured. The loss was about \$500. Insured for \$150 at the Holyoke Mutual Office.

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
Salem Gazette, Sept. 28, 1850.

HAVERHILL AND SALEM STAGE

REGULAR LINE

Stage leaves Eagle House, House, Haverhill, every morning, at 6 1-4 o'clock, connecting with the morning train at Georgetown, for Newburyport, and connecting in Salem with the trains for Marblehead and Lynn.

Returning—leaves Salem at 3 1-2 P. M., and arrives in Georgetown in season for the evening train passengers for Haverhill.

 The subscriber having been many years on this route, solicits the patronage of all who may wish any business transacted between Haverhill and Salem, assuring them that any business entrusted to his care, will be promptly and faithfully attended to.

ISAAC PINKHAM.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 5, 1850.

DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD. A meeting in favor of this project was held at North Danvers, on the 15th inst., and was well attended by gentlemen from Georgetown, Boxford, Topsfield, North and South Danvers, and Salem.

The meeting was organized by the choice of Samuel P. Fowler as chairman, and W. L. Weston as secretary.

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A handsome sum was subscribed at the meeting, and measures will be immediately taken to have a survey made. The meeting adjourned to the 15th of November.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 18, 1850.

FOR THE GAZETTE

DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD.

This project, for which a charter was granted five years since and suffered to expire, is again revived, under encouraging circumstances. Recent surveys, by an experienced Engineer, demonstrate that a junction of the Essex and Georgetown Railroads can be made, by building less than *twelve miles* of new road. One route passes from Danvers Plains, easterly of the River Hill in Topsfield, near Topsfield Meeting House, across Hood's Pond, to Georgetown Corner. The other passes westerly of the River Hill, crossing Ipswich River, near Rowley Bridge, thence through South Boxford to the same point. The estimated expense of either of these routes may be set down, on the principles assumed by the Engineers at . . . \$150,000
to this sum to be added for contingencies . . . 50,000

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or about \$16,000 per mile.

It is stated, by the Engineers, that no part of the grade on either route need exceed forty feet to the mile; and that there will be no necessity of more than one mile exceeding 30 feet to the mile. If this contemplated route of Railroad can be completed, the County of Essex would then have all Railroad facilities desirable. The energy and ability of those who move in this enterprise, gives assurance that it will be done.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 30, 1850.

MARRIAGES

In Topsfield, in the Methodist Church, by Rev. Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Joseph Horton, of Ipswich, to Miss Sarah Ann Robinson, of Topsfield. Also, by the same, Mr. Henry Hindes to Miss Sarah Bly, both of Topsfield.

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The most important feature of the day was the Address by Nehemiah Cleaveland, Esq., which we think will be cited as a model for discourses of this class. We trust that some of the parties interested will take measures for the preservation of copies in all the public libraries of the Commonwealth.

The pamphlet is enriched by three fine engravings; namely, a likeness of Gov. Bradstreet, now for the first time copied and published, through the kindness of Solomon Wildes, Esq., and others of the Governor's descendants; of the late Mrs. Alethea Huntington, widow of Rev. Asahel Huntington, of Topsfield, and mother of Dr. Elisha Huntington, recently Mayor of Lowell, and of Asahel Huntington, Esq., of this city; of the Hon. Nehemiah Cleaveland; and of Gov. John Endicott, the engraved steel portrait of which was loaned by C. M. Endicott, Esq., of this city.

The Address presents many tempting passages for extract. The grave humor and felicitous description of the old church in Topsfield, will be appreciated by many of our readers.

The date of the fourth meeting-house will never be forgotten by those who were wont in childhood to visit the venerable place. The figures 17—59 separated into two sections by a long hyphen of space, have, indeed, perished with the pillars, whose capitals they adorned. But their image was long ago impressed upon many a mental tablet, from which it will never be effaced, till the tablets themselves shall be no more. It was on the 4th of July, in the year just named, that the frame of this house was raised. The preparations made by the town, and recorded in its books, give some faint idea of what a great raising was in those days. It was, indeed, an event long to be remembered—for the entire population, men, women, and children, with multitudes from the towns adjacent, then came together to perform, or else

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The pamphlet is enriched by three fine engravings; namely, a likeness of Gov. Bradstreet, now for the first time copied and published, through the kindness of Solomon Wildes, Esq., and others of the Governor's descendants; of the late Mrs. Abigail Huntington, widow of Rev. Asahel Huntington, of Topsfield, and mother of Dr. Eliza Huntington, recently Mayor of Lowell, and of Asahel Huntington, Esq., of this city; of the Hon. Nehemiah Cleveland; and of Gov. John Faneuil, the engraved steel portrait of which was loaned by C. M. Kadinot, Esq., of this city.

The Address presents many tempting passages for extracts. The grave humor and felicitous description of the old church in Topsfield, will be appreciated by many of our readers.

The date of the fourth meeting-house will never be forgotten by those who were wont in childhood to visit the venerable place. The figures 17-59 separated into two sections by a long hyphen of space, have, indeed, perished with the pillars, whose capitals they adorned. But their image was long ago impressed upon many a mental tablet, from which it will never be effaced, till the tablets themselves shall be no more. It was on the 4th of July, in the year just named, that the frame of this house was raised. The preparations made by the town, and recorded in its books, give some faint idea of what a great raising was in those days. It was, indeed, an event long to be remembered—for the entire population, men, women, and children, with multitudes from the towns adjacent, then came together to perform, or else

to behold and rejoice over the mighty work. To lift those huge oak timbers high in air, and there to place and to secure them, was no child's play, but demanded every stalwart arm for miles around. I find, in the town vote, no mention of derricks, or pulleys, or cordage. They depended, it seems, on their own strong sinews, with, perhaps, some slight assistance from hydraulic power. What amount of it was deemed necessary in the present instance, may be gathered from the instructions given to the Committee, who were ordered to provide one barrel of rum and twelve barrels of cider.

The large and respectable edifice to which I now allude, was in many respects, decidedly in advance of its predecessors. It contained, when first opened for use, a number of pews in the body of the house, and a row of them quite around the side. These were all sold to the wealthier members of the congregation. In the third house there were but three or four pews,—put up by special permission, for as many aristocratic families. The remaining room was occupied by long benches. Upon these the people took their seats—not as accident or fancy led, but exactly where their places had been assigned by a committee, and fixed by the town. This distribution was determined by a rule. With a becoming respect for age, they gave the first and best places to men who were more than sixty years old, without regard to prosperity. To all the rest seats were assigned according to the tax they paid. The men and women occupied opposite sides, and the young were disposed of in the rear. After the erection of the third structure, several attempts were made to seat those who had no pews, according to the old principle; but they were, I believe, all unsuccessful. A new order of things had it seems begun.

To many of us, the image of that old house, where, for eighty years, the Gospel was proclaimed, and its ordinances dispensed, must be ever dear. Venerable edifice! we see thee still, as when in childhood, we gazed with awe at thy vast form, thy towering spire, thy glittering and ever-restless weather cock. What pictures of the past revive, as thy immense interior once more rises on our mental vision! There was thy pulpit—revered and awful rostrum, where, raised high in air, stood the holy man; there thy sounding-board, projecting, seemingly unsupported, like an impending avalanche, there, too, thy velvet cushion—soft as feathers could make it, and sending up, when pounded by a vigorous eloquence, clouds of sacred dust. Shall we ever forget thy lofty and spacious gallery—grand receptacle of all ages and both sexes. How well do we remember its foremost seat,—venerable with wrinkled brows and snowy hair. How well recall

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the denser masses in the rear, where sober middle age, and sprightly youth, were seen, distinct in their ascending ranks, like the vegetable zones of *Ætna*. There, too, in one of the angles, marked by his staff of office, sat the terrific tything-man. In front of the pulpit, rose, like some well-manned battery, the singers' seats. What volleys of sound did we not receive, unshrinkingly, from that noisy spot! How anxious was the pause,—relieved only by a slight shuffling and by half-stifled hems,—which succeeded the reading of the psalm! How like a small thunder-clap, burst upon the ear that preluding note, which brought every voice to the right pitch! And then, who can recount the musical glories which hung clustering round Thanksgiving Day,—when the results of a month's preparation broke upon our heads in a perfect storm of sound? How fearful the strife when flute and clarionet, and viols, great and small, entered the lists with bass, and counter, and tenor, and treble! And oh! how our hearts beat,—let me use another's words—"at the turning of a fugue,—when the bass moved forward first, like the opening fire of artillery,—and the tenor advanced next, like a corps of grenadiers,—and the treble followed with the brilliant execution of infantry, and the trumpet counter shot by the whole, with the speed of darting cavalry:—and then, when all mingled in that battle of harmony and melody, and mysteriously fought their way through, with a well-ordered perplexity, that made us wonder how they came out exactly together!"

Will the pictured memory ever fade of those square pews, with their little banisters, so convenient to twirl—so pleasant to peep through; their uncushioned seats, which were hung on hinges, and raised in prayer time, and which followed up the amen, with a loud rattling, running report, like an old-fashioned militia fire; and the flag-seated chairs, that stood in the centre, for mother, or grand-ma'am, or spinster aunt? There were the long, free seats—there was the Elder's pew, with iron stand for hour-glass and christening basin—and there the Deacon's strait, snug box, where those good men were wont to sit, with their faces to the people and their backs to the minister—"the observed of all observers," and examples of the highest edification, when they happened to be dozy.

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with a companion, fed in his fingers instead of the straw, nor was aware of what he was doing till his companion hearing the bones crack, told him he had got sticks in the machines. There was no other way to disengage his hand, but by reversing the crank, when he found that three of his fingers had something the appearance of minced meat; the second finger had come in contact with five knives, three above and two below, the others with one less. By the surgical skill of Dr. Merriam, the fingers were all preserved entire.

A few weeks since, Mr. Samuel Todd, who was felling timber in the woods, when a limb struck him on the top of the head, and crushed him into the snow, depriving him of sense and laying the skull bare three or four inches over his forehead. This wound was likewise skillfully dressed by the same surgeon, and Mr. Todd was about his business in a week, having hardly a trace of the wound, by way of a scar.

Two or three weeks since, George Bennett and his companion were in the woods splitting wood for the market, both splitting the same log and facing each other. While Mr. Bennett's axe was fast, and he was trying to raise the handle, it came up suddenly, and the other striking at the same time, came in contract with Bennett's thumb, severing it entirely, with the exception of about one inch of the integuments on the inside, next the hand, somewhat like the thumb of a glove connected by a few stitches only on the inside. This was likewise successfully treated by the Doctor, and the thumb preserved in place and form, so that he has returned to his family in New Hampshire, with his person entire.

Another case, which happened last Thursday, if not an accident, must proved quite a disaster to the young man, the subject.

A stranger, who gave his name as Edward Cullihan, last from Rochester, N. H., twenty-five years old, inquiring for work, and stopping temporarily with Mr. David Towne. About 5 o'clock on Thursday, while chopping wood in the yard, he was seen holding up his left arm with his hand chopped entirely off, and the blood streaming from the stump. This was a case requiring promptness as well as skill, and was successfully dressed and the patient is doing well. In this case, it appears the young man was in a state of Delirium Tremens, and supposed his hand was a black cat coming at him, and he made not less than six strokes with the hatchet before he entirely severed his hand at the wrist, as was evident from the marks on the mangled hand, and on the log where it lay.

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We think it fortunate that these several somewhat serious cases, should have fallen into the hands of so safe and experienced a surgeon. The Doctor's surgical abilities have been lying dominant for several years owing to the limited field of operations, and the proximity to the cities of his location. We are glad to know that we have so certain and safe a remedy at hand, for there are, not unfrequently, cases happening which do not admit of delay,—a life or limb is at stake, instance the preceding cases.

SHE-NE-WEE-ME-DY.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 18, 1851.

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TOPSFIELD. Town Clerk—J. P. Towne. Selectmen—John Wright, Joshua Wildes, Thomas Gould. Assessors—John G. Hood, R. D. Perkins, Thomas L. Lane. Overseers of the Poor—Samuel Todd, Thomas P. Munday, Josiah Bradstreet. Treasurer—John Wright. Collector—Samuel S. McKenzie. Constables—Isaiah M. Small, Andrew Gould. School Committee—Rev. A. McLoud, John C. Balch, Nehemiah Balch, and two others.

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Salem Gazette, Mar. 28, 1851.

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3d. To do any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

JOHN WRIGHT
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Persons named
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Danvers, May 27, 1851.

Salem Gazette, May 30, 1851.

DANVERS & GEORGETOWN RAILROAD.

The first meeting of those interested in the construction of this road, was held at North Danvers, last Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing under their charter. About forty gentlemen were present from the different towns on the route of the proposed roads. The meeting was organized by the choice of Dr. Merriam of Topsfield, as Chairman, and W. L. Weston, Esq., of Danvers, as clerk. It was unanimously voted to accept the Act of Incorporation passed at the last session of the Legislature, and measures were taken which indicate that the road will be built, and that speedily. Committees were appointed to solicit subscriptions to the stock of the Corporation, to estimate the probable land damages along the line of the road, and settle with the owners, and also to employ an engineer to make the necessary surveys, plans, &c.

The meeting was a very spirited one, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the construction of this road. No doubt was expressed but that the stock could soon be taken up and the road put under contract and completed. We understand that there are no very bad grades on the route, and that the road can be built as cheaply and as easily as almost any road in the State. The distance from the terminus of the Newburyport Railroad in Georgetown, to the proposed point of connection with the Essex Railroad in North Danvers is estimated at 11 1-2 miles.

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Salem Gazette, June 7, 1851.

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Salem Gazette, July 12, 1851.

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In Topsfield, Miss Phillis Emerson, aged 72, the only colored person in Topsfield.

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The town of Georgetown has voted almost unanimously, to appropriate the surplus money owned by the town in the Manufacturers' Bank, in payment for fifteen shares in the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad. This town has now taken up all the stock allotted to it.

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CAUTION TO MINISTERS. Rev. Mr. Cary, of Topsfield, was yesterday examined before the Salem Police Court, upon a charge of having married two minors without the consent of their parents, and was recognized to appear at the October term of the C. C. P. We believe that the defendant is not charged with anything more than a culpable carelessness, but such an investigation will at all events have the effect of exhibiting the dangerous tendency of the recent law dispensing with the publication of intentions of marriage.

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Salem Gazette, July 10, 1851.

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Salem Gazette, Aug. 19, 1851.

DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD.

The board of Directors for this Company has been organized by the choice of William D. Northend of this city as President, and William L. Weston of Danvers, Treasurer and Clerk.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 22, 1851.

THE TOPSFIELD NURSERIES are becoming famous. Last week Mr. E. Lake presented to us a specimen of the plums which he raises on his place. They were the Imperial Violets, of magnificent size, and luscious quality. The tree from which they were taken is a great bearer, and has been so loaded with fruit that it has been necessary to prop it up.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 2, 1851.

TOPSFIELD FRUIT. The Messrs. Lake are doing a great deal to make the good old town of Topsfield famous for fruit and fruit trees. We noticed last week, the reception of some fine fruit from E. Lake, and have now to make our acknowledgements to Mr. J. Lake, for some splendid specimens from his Nursery, consisting of Royal George, Noblesse, and Manning's Red Peaches, Bartlett Pears, Prince's Imperial and Red Gage Plums, and two kinds of native grapes, raised from seed, and which ripen about the 20th of September.

We are also indebted to Capt. J. K. Cole, for some specimens of the Runnels or Iron Apples, from the Crowninshield farm, in Topsfield. They are of the growth of last year, but of perfectly firm flesh, and pleasant flavor.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 13, 1851.

The Messrs. Lake had a great variety of fruit, from their Topsfield Nurseries, at the Horticultural and Agricultural Exhibitions. Mr. W. G. Lake afforded us an opportunity of tasting some very nice specimens of peaches and plums; and from Messrs. J. & E. Lake we received a variety of apples.

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Salem Gazette, Aug. 23, 1851.

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List of Premiums and Gratuities.

Awarded by the Essex Agricultural Society.

September 25th, 1851.

Ploughing—Single Teams.

Moses Pettingill, Topsfield, plough, Ruggles & Co., 4th premium, \$2 00

Fruits.

Moses Pettingill, Topsfield, gratuity, \$3 00
William Geo. Lake, do. do. 3 00

Flowers.

Mrs. Pettingill, Topsfield \$2 00

Salem Gazette, Sept. 30, 1851.

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Salem Gazette, Oct. 11, 1851.

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"Our farmers are reaping a rich harvest as the reward of their toils the past summer. Our crops are better than an average. Corn and potatoes are fine in quality, and abundant in quantity. Apples are good in quality, but not so abundant as in some years. Our farmers are giving their attention to raising quinces, which are producing finely. The drought which is so universal in its extent, affects us. Many of the wells are quite dried up, and the small streams have failed to flow for several weeks, so that the cattle will suffer soon, if no rain falls. It is said, by "the oldest inhabitants," that our river has not been lower for fifty years.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 17, 1851.

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Salem Gazette, Nov. 4, 1851.

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In addressing to you this communication, I act, you see, on the presumption that the result of my inquiries will not be wholly uninteresting to you—Without exalting it into an affair of special importance, it may at least, be regarded as one of rational curiosity.

The parish of Toppesfield is situated in the northern section of Essex. The nearest approach to it from London, by railroad, is Braintree, distant about twelve miles. I reached it, however, in a different way—stopping, on my return from Cambridge, at Saffron Walden, from which place I took a private conveyance. The distance is about sixteen miles. I found the ride exceedingly pleasant, along the narrow but excellent road, which winds its way through an unbroken succession of luxuriant corn fields and meadows. As I drew near to the place, I noticed guide-board directing the traveller to Toppesfield—and I hardly need tell you that the sight occasioned a rush of recollections and of strong home-feeling. Could it be that I was more than three thousand miles removed from the familiar guide-posts of Boxford, Ipswich and Danvers!

It was evening when I arrived, and the “Green Man Inn” received me. This is a small, but neat and comfortable tavern, and bears the marks of a respectable antiquity. It is, in fact, just such a place as the ale-house of Goldsmith’s Poem, and has been, I presume the nightly resort of the Toppesfield politicians, for at least two hundred years.

When I went out the next morning, I found myself in a small village, composed of stone cottages, mostly plastered, white-washed and thatched. I saw nothing in them particularly pleasing, beyond that aspect of neatness, and those floral adornings, which rarely desert even the meanest rural home in that beautiful country. My first visit was to the Church of St. Margaret. The body of this edifice, which is of stone, is long, low

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and narrow. It has a square, massive, brick tower, erected at the beginning of the last century, and containing a clock and a chime of five bells. The building occupies the centre of a small burying ground, and has around it quite a number of simple head-stones, but none of very ancient date. The interior interested me much. A place of worship more rude in aspect, or less adapted to comfort, it would, I am sure, be difficult to find in all New England. But as I marked its quaint irregularity of shape—as my eye rested on the severe plainness of its architecture and its furnishings—as, with some help of fancy, I read there “tales of the bridal and the bier,”—whole centuries, indeed, of history, that seemed to be written on the walls. I found the place exceedingly picturesque and pleasing. The pews are narrow, upright boxes, with high sides, and with the exception of the Rector’s, are uncushioned and uncarpeted. A few of them, however, were supplied with straw-covered hassocks. Upon the southern side there are four gothic arches, which rest upon short, thick columns. On this side there is a low gallery, erected as an inscription shows in 1833. The pulpit and reading desk are on the opposite side.—These are of oak, and the former resembles, in shape and appearance, that interesting relic, the old Capen pulpit. Its soft cloth cushion, with two depending tassels, is precisely such a one as Parson Dutch—the “Kettle drummler” of my early remembrance—used to pummel so unmercifully in our old meeting house.

I must confess that even the humble monuments inserted in the wall and floor of the edifice, had an interest for me, though I had just before seen, and certainly not with indifference, the sepulchral glories of St. Denis, and Santa Croce, and Westminster Abbey. One of them, a mural tablet, commemorates in Latin, the virtues of Dorcas Smyth, a native of Toppesfield, who died in 1633, aged 76. It is surmounted by a dove, under which are the words “Fida: Simplex.” Beneath the dove is a beehive, with the motto, “Industria Dulcis.”—Small pilasters at the sides represent piles of books, the lettered backs of which proclaim the pious reading of the good dame. On one of the scrolls is a bleeding heart, with the word “Spes” above it.—On the other is an open hand, over which is the word “Charitas.” Below the whole there is a corbel, which supports a clasped Bible, on whose leaves is seen the word “Fides,” while upon it sits a lamb—the words “Humilis:” “Mitis” being inscribed above. The meaning of the Latin words, and the application of the symbols, were elaborately and lucidly explained to me by the aged sexton.

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Another small tablet, near the altar, bears an inscription in classical Latin, of which the following is a version: "I Richard King, a native of Hutfordshire—educated at Oxford—a theologian by profession—by appointment a Chaplain to his Majesty, King James, and the unworthy Vicar of this church, cheerfully lay down my mortal remains in this consecrated spot. Glory be to God! To the Church, Prosperity! and to my soul, everlasting rest! Amen."

I noticed there the names of three other rectors. The oldest inscription is on a small brass plate in the pavement. It is an injunction to pray for the soul of John Cracherode. This man died in 1534—more than a hundred years before a tree had been felled upon the plains of our native town, and just about the time when Henry VIII severed the connexions of England with Rome. Two other monuments are evidently still older, having lost every trace of name and date. These may safely be referred to the fifteenth century. But of St. Margaret's, enough.

With the exception of Howlett, on certain stones in the graveyard, I had, as yet, found no name which belonged to any of the founders of our Topsfield. My next object was to look into the parish register. I went to the Parsonage, the Rector being away, I called on one of the Churchwardens. On hearing what I wanted, he kindly accompanied me to the Rector's study, and placed the books before me. The oldest manuscript into which I looked begins with the year 1559. I commenced my search at 1600. The record, being in the cramped and peculiar character of that period, was not easy to decipher—nor could I, under the circumstances, study it with proper composure and care, especially as the good Churchwarden showed some signs of impatience. It was not till I reached the year 1621, that I found anything encouraging. Here was the name of Samuel Symonds, gent., and that of Dorothy his wife. Between this date and 1633, I found and copied the baptisms of ten of their children. I also followed the record some thirty or forty years farther, but found nothing beyond. The question at once arose—was this Samuel Symonds the same man as the Deputy Governor of Massachusetts, and the early Ipswich citizen, mentioned in the Court order for 1643, for settling the village of New Meadows? If so, the problem of our name is solved.—Since my return, I have corresponded on this subject, with Abraham Hammatt, Esq., of Ipswich.—Mr. Symonds, he informs me, is said to have sprung from a respectable family at Great Yeldham. This parish adjoins Toppesfield, and the churches are not more than two miles asunder. A comparison of the names and births, as taken

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I have not quite done with Toppesfield. It is a parish of about 3000 acres. Its surface is varied by slight inequalities, but there are no hills. The soil is somewhat clayey, and when I saw it, revealed its fertility by the unquestionable token of rich corn-fields ripe for the sickle.

The Rector of this parish is the Rev. Henry John Gooch—a nephew, if I was not misinformed, of General Gooch, who, a few years since, commanded the British forces in India. The parsonage is a charming residence, surrounded by flowers and shrubbery, and smooth-shaven lawns. The present incumbent lives among his people, and seems to be regarded with respect and affection.

I have perhaps dwelt upon the subject in hand, with needless prolixity and minuteness. Have I erred in supposing that even small particulars may interest you, when they relate to one of those places which were familiar and dear to your ancestors, for centuries before our cis-atlantic antiquity began? To me, this visit to Toppesfield was gratifying, not merely because I there saw the Fatherland namesake of my native town—nor only because it enabled me to settle a question of some historic interest. I saw there a fair specimen of the English rural parish. From places just like this came, two hundred years ago, many of our Puritan forefathers. And it was, thought I, amid such scenery that they lived. In fields like this they used to toil. Such were the cottages in which they dwelt, and here is a model of the churches where they were wont to worship. Is it strange that the thoughts of a New Englander in such a spot should dwell with lively emotion on the results of that renowned migration, to which he owes his country? I had seen indeed, much to admire on that old world beyond the sea—and in England, especially, I had found but little to dislike. And yet, as I compared the condition of the great masses of European population, even in the most favored lands, with that of my countrymen at home, I could not doubt where the advantage lies.

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And here in this ancient Toppesfield, how could I but think of its Western counterpart? Two hundred years of historic parallel were drawn out before me, as I contrasted the fortune of those who staid with that of those who made their escape. Here I saw your collateral kindred—your far-away cousins—living as you would now be living, had your fathers, like theirs, lacked the spirit to resent oppression, or the courage which it then required to flee from it. Here I was in a community of several hundred people, not a man of whom owns one rood of the land which he cultivates; not an individual of whom possesses the house that shelters him. These skilful farmers are mere tenants at will, and are perpetually struggling under an oppressive burden of rents, and tythes, and taxes, and rates. These hardy laborers think they do well if their toil yields them the average remuneration of a shilling per day. As to religious privileges they had indeed a sitting, hired or free, in yonder rude church. Their rector, sent them by the Queen, may be a good man, or he may not. With the question of his appointment or dismissal they have just as much concern as you have. They are, however, permitted to pay him. From that glebe, which is made so rich by their sweat, he draws an annual stipend three times as large as that which you raise for your two clergymen. And here, in a parish which pays its Rector more than thirty-five hundred dollars a year,—here, within four hours' ride of the grand metropolis of the world, here in the middle of the nineteenth century, a free school is a thing which yet remains to be invented. As to the other picture, you have it at hand, and it needs not my sketching. Can you look at the two, and find no reason for contentment—no incentive to gratitude? Thanks, then, to those good men—our fathers!—thanks, above all, to Him whose favor they sought and found; that they were *not* content with the things around them, and that there *was* that which they dreaded more than ocean storms, or a wilderness life, or death itself!

With the best wishes,

I am yours, &c., &c.

N. CLEVELAND.

BROOKLYN, Nov. 8, 1851.

Salem Register, Nov. 13, 1851.

FOR SALE

A large and valuable FARM, situated in Topsfield, on the Newburyport Turnpike, about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile from the main road from Salem. It is 8 miles from Salem, 21 from Boston.

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Brooklyn, Nov. 2, 1851.

Salem Whistler, Nov. 13, 1851.

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A large and valuable FARM, situated in Topsfield, on the Newburyport Turnpike, about 1/2 of a mile from the main road from Salem. It is 5 miles from Salem, 21 from Boston.

There is upon the estate a large and convenient house, with wood house, coach house, and other buildings. There are also two very large barns, corn barn, tool house, sheds, &c. All the buildings are in good repair and were thoroughly built, without regard to expense. There are about 190 acres of land, the most of it in a high state of cultivation, enclosed by excellent stone walls. It is conveniently divided into mowing, tillage and pasture lots. There are a large number of apple and other fruit trees of the finest description in full bearing.

This estate is on elevated ground, and for beauty of situation and prospect is unsurpassed. The land is of first rate quality and in the highest condition. It may be examined upon application to J. K. COLE, upon the premises. For terms apply to

FRANCIS B. CROWNINSHIELD,
Old Colony Rail Road Station, Boston.

May 29, 1851.

Salem Register, Nov. 13, 1851.

DEATH FROM INTEMPERANCE AND EXPOSURE.—Moody Balch, a man of intemperate habits, left his home, in Topsfield, on Monday of last week, and was missing until Sunday morning last, when he was found dead, near a stone wall, in a pasture in rear of the house of Asa Pingree, Esq. Constant search had been made for Balch, by his friends, from Tuesday up to the time of finding the body, but mostly in a different direction from the place where it was found, as he was last seen in an opposite part of the town. A jug of rum was found by the side of the body. Mr. Balch was 57 years of age, and unmarried. A coroner was called from Salem, on Sunday, but after a hearing of the circumstances it was adjudged unnecessary to hold an inquest.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 18, 1851.

DEATHS.

In Topsfield, Jan. 7, Mrs. Susan Cummings, aged 66 years, 10 mos. Extensively known as the excellent landlady of the Topsfield Hotel. Funeral to-morrow from her late residence, at 1 o'clock.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 9, 1852.

There is upon the estate a large and convenient house, with wood house, coach house, and other buildings. There are also two very large barns, cow barn, and horse sheds, &c. All the buildings are in good repair and were thoroughly built without regard to expense. There are about 150 acres of land, the most of it in a high state of cultivation, enclosed by excellent stone walls. It is conveniently divided into mowing, tillage and pasture lots. There are a large number of apple and other fruit trees of the finest description in full bearing.

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BILL OF MORTALITY OF THE TOWN OF TOPSFIELD—
FROM JAN. 1, 1851, TO JAN. 1, 1852.

January	24	Mrs. Abigail Perley	81 yrs.
Febr'y	12	Miss Anna Perkins	65
March	13	Miss Abigail Perkins	63
	16	Mr. George Hobbs	68
	24	Wife of Solomon Averill	83
April	26	Josiah Gould	62
	27	Alfred, son of J. Boardman, jr.	3
May	2	Mrs. Eunice Putnam	73
June	2	Asa Bradstreet	34
July	9	Miss Phillis Emerson	71
	24	Mary Ellen, child of O. Porter	3
August	17	Emma Augusta Crowell	2 mos.
	21	Charles Gould	24 yrs.
	28	Emmaetta, child of A. Gould	1
	29	Miss Ruth Gould	68
	31	Mrs. Sarah Emerson	37
Sept.	8	Amos Perkins	63
	9	Child of S. N. Averill	—
	10	John Riley	63
	12	Mrs. Sally Horne	64
	15	Wm. Arthur, child of E. Peabody	2
	17	Child of Moses Peabody	1
	24	David, child of B. Kimball	2
October	1	Mrs. Rebecca Hobbs	96
	7	Widow of Nathaniel Gould	80
	14	Mary Jane, child of late J. Potter	4
	14	Harriet Josephine Holmes, child of Edwin Foster	2
	19	Mrs. Abigail Wright	45
	31	Elijah Perkins	85
Novem.	4	Mrs. Eunice Esty	77
	10	Moody Balch	58
	23	Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott	27
Dec'r	29	Wife of S. N. Averill	—
Topsfield, Jan. 1, 1852.			[Reg.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 9, 1852.

NOTICE. As my son, GEO. CLARKE, has eloped, I forbid all persons, trusting him on my account, as I shall pay no debts of his contracting.

SAMUEL CLARKE.

Topsfield, Jan. 30, 1852.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 30, 1852.

LIST OF MORTALITY OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHIELD—
FROM JAN. 1, 1851, TO JAN. 1, 1852.

January	24	Mrs. Abigail Perley	81 yrs
February	12	Miss Anna Perkins	65
March	13	Miss Abigail Perkins	63
	16	Mr. George Hobbs	68
	24	Wife of Solomon Averill	82
April	26	Leah Gould	63
	27	Alfred, son of J. Boardman, Jr.	3
May	2	Mrs. Eunice Farnum	73
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SAMUEL CLARKE

Topsheld, Jan. 30, 1852.

Salmon Gazette, Jan. 30, 1852.

Topsfield Academy

Is now re-opened for the reception of pupils of both sexes.

The SPRING TERM of this Institution will commence on WEDNESDAY, the 14th of April, and will continue eleven weeks.

Instruction given in the various branches of an English Education, in Vocal and Instrumental Music, Drawing, and in the Latin, Greek, and French Languages.

TERMS OF TUITION.

English Branches,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$5 00
Languages, each	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Drawing,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Music, and use of Piano,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 00

Board in good families, \$1.75 to \$2 per week.

This Institution, it is believed, presents the most favorable opportunities for the acquisition of an education. The situation is easily accessible, by good public conveyances, and in all natural advantages, well adapted for a school. The moral tone of the place is eminently healthy, and the teachers will spare no pains to advance the interests of any scholar that may be committed to their charge.

WILLIAM C. FARNSWORTH, *Preceptor*

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Topsfield, March 30, 1852.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 30, 1852.

Topsfield Nurseries

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THE SUBSCRIBER respectfully invites his friends and customers to his LARGE COLLECTION of

FRUIT TREES!

embracing all the choicest varieties worth cultivation—consisting of

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Also—about fifteen hundred Pear Trees, on pear bottoms, from three to four years from the bud—very thrifty, and of the choicest varieties.

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SCIONS cut to order, from fifteen hundred standard Apple and Pear Trees,—many of which are in a full bearing state, and fruited one hundred and thirty varieties last year,—and delivered free of charge at any of the depots in Salem or Boston.

W. G. LAKE.

Topsfield, March 26.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 30, 1852.

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Salem Gazette, Apr. 20, 1852.

DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company will be held at Berry's Hotel, in North Danvers, on THURSDAY next, June 3d, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the following objects:—

To see if they will accept an act passed by the last Legislature, entitled "An Act concerning the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company," and to take any action thereon;

To see what measures they will adopt to have the road put under contract for construction;

To attend to any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of the Directors,

WILLIAM D. NORTHEND, President.

Salem, May 28, 1852.

Salem Gazette, June 1, 1852.

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A meeting of the stockholders of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company will be held at Barry's Hotel, in North Danvers, on THURSDAY next, June 25, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the following objects:—
To see if they will accept an act passed by the last Legislature, entitled "An Act concerning the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company," and to take any action thereon;
To see what measures they will adopt to have the road put under contract for construction;
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The President of the Road, Mr. Northend, made some statements of the prospects of the road and of proposals for its construction, and expressed his belief that by additional effort on the part of the Stockholders, the road could be put under contract within a few weeks.

The Act passed by the last Legislature concerning the road was unanimously accepted, and the following vote was passed:

Voted. That the Directors be authorized to lease the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad to the Boston and Maine or Eastern Railroad Cos. for such time and on such terms as they may deem most for the interest of the road and the stockholders, and that they be authorized to take such measures as they shall deem proper to put the road under contract for construction, and they are hereby authorized to put the road under contract in such manner and at such time as they shall deem most for the interest of the road.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet at Munday's Hall in Topsfield, on Tuesday afternoon next, at 2 o'clock.

Great confidence is expressed by the Directors that the road can be constructed this Summer and that thus a direct Railroad communication be opened with the interior of the county and with Haverhill.

Salem Gazette, June 4, 1852.

DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD. The meeting of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad is adjourned to meet at MUNDAY'S HOTEL, in Topsfield, on TUESDAY (This Day,) at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Salem Gazette, June 15, 1852.

Among the toasts offered at Fourth of July dinner at Salem was the following:

20. Topsfield—her geographical position, makes her the centre, and her character entitles her to be considered the heart of Essex County.

Salem Gazette, July 6, 1852.

BY THOMAS L. LANE—TOPSFIELD.

GUARDIAN'S SALE.

Will be sold, by order of Probate Court, on THURSDAY, the 29th day of July inst., at 5 o'clock, P. M., on the premises, at the residence of Mrs. Mercy Peabody.

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to Ezra Peabody,—the same being subject to the widow's dower.

NATH'L PERKINS, Guardian.

Topsfield, July 13, 1852.

Salem Gazette, July 16, 1852.

DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD. The Stockholders of the DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD COMPANY are hereby notified that their Annual Meeting will be held at MUNDAY'S HALL, in Topsfield, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of August next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the following purposes, viz:

- 1st To choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing.
- 2d To transact any other business that may legally come before them.

W. D. NORTHEND, President.

Salem, July 27, 1852.

Salem Gazette, July 27, 1852.

DEATHS.

In Topsfield, on the 21st inst., Mr. Edward Hood, aged 53 years. He was Postmaster at Topsfield under the Administration of Mr. Van Buren. The deceased was one of those untiring, unflinching Democrats—early enlisting in the cause of Democracy under the Administration of Gen. Jackson, and to which he strictly adhered until after the swerving of many from their first love and uniting with the Abolition and Free Soil Democrats—he then entirely withdrew his action and feelings from the political sphere and since which has taken no lively interest in the political movements.—*Communicated.*

Salem Gazette, Aug. 24, 1852.

R. A. Merriam and Samuel Clifford were the Topsfield delegates to the Whig State Convention.

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FINE FRUITS. "The *Lakes*" are as liberal in their distribution of their fruits, as they are successful in cultivation, and rich and abundant in varieties. We are indebted to the kind remembrance of Mr. W. G. Lake for assorted specimens of fifty varieties of the finest fruits,—apples, pears, peaches, and grapes,—the product of his extensive Nurseries in Topsfield.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 8, 1852.

Whig Rally at Topsfield

The citizens of Topsfield are invited to meet at Academy Hall, THIS EVENING, Oct. 26th, at 7 o'clock, to listen to addresses from distinguished speakers. The Scott Glee Club, from Salem, will be there. Ladies are invited.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 26, 1852.

On Friday evening, the Whigs of Topsfield had a full meeting. An excellent address was delivered by Wm. C. Endicott, Esq., after which Leverett Saltonstall, Esq., was called out, and responded in a spirited and animating impromptu speech.

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Salem Gazette, Oct. 29, 1852.

To the STOCKHOLDERS of the Danvers & Georgetown Railroad.

THE first assessment of Ten Dollars on each and every share of the Capital Stock of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company has been made by the President and Directors of said Company, and notice is hereby given, that the said assessment will be due and payable at the residence of the Treasurer, in Topsfield, on the 30th of November present.

WILLIAM N. CLEAVELAND, Treas.

Topsfield, Nov. 23, 1852.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 25, 1852.

NARROW ESCAPE. On Saturday morning last, as Mr. W. G. Lake, of Topsfield, was passing over the draw of Charlestown

From Faversham. "The Lakes" are as liberal in their distribution of their fruits, as they are successful in cultivation, and rich and abundant in varieties. We are indebted to the kind remembrance of Mr. W. G. Lake for assorted specimens of fifty varieties of the finest fruits—apples, pears, peaches, and grapes—the produce of his extensive nurseries in Topsfield.

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Bridge with a heavy load of Apples, the forward axle-tree of his wagon broke in the centre, throwing Mr. Lake between the horses. The animals became frightened, and ran with great speed, and as Mr. Lake attempted to extricate himself by springing between the wheels and the horses, he was thrown down, and both wheels of the wagon passed over his legs, bruising them, if not breaking some bones. He was taken to Webb's Hotel in Elm street, where medical aid was called, and every attention paid by the landlord to his comfort.—

Traveller.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 31, 1852.

TOPSFIELD, Jan. 6, 1853.

To the Editor of the Salem Gazette :

Annexed I hand you a list of Fruits, such as I have in a bearing state and in open field cultivation, without high brick walls or board fences to protect them. I have fruited every variety upon the list, and they all do first rate with me, with the exception of two varieties, which I have not so fully tested as I have the others,—those are the *Northern Spy* and *Spitzenburg*; yet I feel confident that the *Spy* will do well with us, in good cultivation, and if so, it is one of the best apples in the world, and should be extensively cultivated. The *Spitzenburg* is a very handsome, good, rich flavored, late keeping apple, but has the appearance of being a poor bearer, but it may do better as the tree grows older.

I have many other new varieties of fruit under cultivation, which I shall speak of hereafter.

If you think the annexed list of fruits worth publishing, you can do so, with any remarks you may see fit to make.

Yours &c.

W. G. LAKE.

Fruit for Northern cultivation, hardy and sure :

APPLES. *Winter—Late keeping.*—Baldwin, Roxbury Russett, Rhode Island Greening, Danvers Winter Sweet, Northern Spy, Spitzenburg.

Early Winter.—Hubbardston, Nonsuch, Aunt Hannah, Sweet Baldwin.

Fall,—Fall Harvey, Porter, Minister, Gravenstein, Alexander, Rives apple, Luscomb, Killam Hill.

Early Summer.—Williams' Favorite, Early Sweet Bough, Early Juneating, Baking Sweet, Red Astrican.

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PEARS, Bartlett, Beurre Bosc, Flemish Beauty, Beurre Diel, Duchess D'Angouleme, Louise Bonne, De Jersey, Andrews, Vicar of Winkfield, Glont Morceau, Winter Nelis, Fulton, Seckel, Rostiezer, Buffum, Van Mons, Leon LeClerc, St. Gislen, Golden Beurre Bilboa, Belle Lucrative, Urbanist, Beurre D'Arenburg, Columbia, Dix Tyson, Beurre D'Anjou, Lawrence.

CHERRIES. Black Tartarian, Black Eagle, Knight's Early Black, Davenport's Early, Danvers Late Red, Yellow Spanish, Arden's White Heart, Large White Bigarreau, American Amber, Early May Duke.

PLUMS. Green Gage, Red Gage, Prince's Yellow Gage, Imperial Gage, Washington, Lawrence Favorite, Jefferson, Black Imperial, Lombard.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 11, 1853.

DEATHS.

In Topsfield, Jan. 10th, William G. Lake, Esq., aged 44 years, 8 months :—the well known horticulturist of Essex County.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 14, 1853.

An able and interesting discourse delivered on Thanksgiving day, by Rev. Mr. McLoud, of Topsfield, has been published, by request of a number of the leading members of his society.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 18, 1853.

The following article is copied from the New England Farmer of last week :

Death of Wm. G. Lake, Esq.

Died in Topsfield, on the 10th inst., Mr. William G. Lake, aged 45 years.

Mr. Lake was somewhat extensively known as a horticulturist and dealer in nursery trees. He had devoted his whole time and energies for the last fifteen years to the cultivation of fruit and fruit trees. He had spared no pain or expense to procure the best varieties for cultivation. He had made himself practically acquainted with the growing of trees, and of performing the various nursery operations.

For several years past, his tables at our agricultural and horticultural shows have not been surpassed by any other contributor.

He had, for several years, supplied the vicinity with fruit trees, and several parts of the commonwealth, the southern parts of New Hampshire, and even the inhabitants of California will

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 Duchess D. Angon, James Boone, De Jersey, Andrews, Vian,
 of Winfield, John, Moore, Winter, Miller, Butler, Skeel,
 Heston, Heston, Van Ness, Leon, LeGarde, St. Glaisen, Golden,
 Henry, Biber, Belle, Fawcett, Uthman, Henry D. Armstrong,
 Columbus, Mr. Tyson, Henry D. Tyson, Lawrence,
 Green, Black, Fawcett, Black, Fawcett, Knight's Party,
 Black, Fawcett's Party, Fawcett's Late Job, Yellow, Spanish,
 Arden's White Heart, Large White, Fawcett, American, Amber,
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About a fortnight before his death, he met with an accident on Charlestown bridge, from which he had very nearly recovered, when he was attacked with inflammation of the chest three days before his death. He leaves a wife and three children, who, for their great and sudden bereavement, have the deep sympathy of the public.

Topsfield, Jan. 14, 1853.

M. A. R.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 6, 1853.

GUARDIAN'S SALE.

By virtue of a license from Probate Court, will be sold at Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 7th day of March next, at two o'clock, P. M., on the premises, in Topsfield.

ALL THE RIGHT, title and interest that LEWIS HENRY SYMMES and WILLIAM ALBERT SYMMES, minor, have in and to about twenty acres of land, with a barn and carriage house thereon; being the estate of which Edward Hood, late of Topsfield, died seized.

Conditions made known at the time of sale.

LEWIS SYMMES, Guardian.

Beverly, Feb. 11, 1853.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 14, 1853.

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Topsheld, Jan. 14, 1853.
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Salem Gazette, Feb. 5, 1853.

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By virtue of a license from Probate Court, will be sold at Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 17th day of March next, at two o'clock, P. M., on the premises in Topsheld, ALL THE RIGHT, title and interest that Lewis H. Symmes and William Almy Symmes, minor, have in and to about twenty acres of land, with a barn and carriage house thereon; being the estate of which Edward Lloyd, late of Topsheld, died seized.

Conditions made known at the time of sale.
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Beverly, Feb. 11, 1853.
Salem Gazette, Feb. 14, 1853.

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ALL THE RIGHT, title, and interest that SAMUEL HOOD, of Topsfield, mariner, has in and to one undivided fifth part of about twenty acres of land, with a barn and carriage house thereon; being the estate of which Edward Hood, of Topsfield, died seized.

Conditions made known at the time of sale.

SYLVESTER CUMMINGS, Guardian.

Boxford, Feb. 11, 1853.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 11, 1853.

TOPSFIELD. The Methodist Episcopal Society in this town have purchased a beautiful site for a meeting house, at the head of the common, on which a church of modern structure will be erected the coming season, at an expence of six thousand dollars, all of which has been subscribed.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 18, 1853.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, Commonwealth vs. William Munday, of Topsfield, for keeping a public nuisance, in the form of a slaughter house. Verdict—guilty. Harmon for Gov't. N. J. Lord and Northend, for deft.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 22, 1853.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 2d day of April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the home lately occupied by WM. G. LAKE, in Topsfield,

ALL THE RIGHT and title that WM. G. LAKE, deceased, owned in about eleven acres of LAND, situated on Lake's Hill (so called), in Topsfield; with about twelve hundred bearing Apple Trees, and four hundred Pear Trees, all of the choicest fruit.

Also—a NURSERY, on the same, containing about thirty thousand Apple, Pear, Plum and Peach Trees, of the choicest kind.

Also—one SHED, at the Congregational Meeting House; and a lot of Manure at the stable.

Also—1 Horse, 1 Chaise, 1 Sleigh, 1 Covered Wagon, 2 Buffalo Robes, a large lot of Farming Tools, &c. &c.

Also—1 Ox Wagon, 1 Cart, 1 Wagon, 1 Ox Sled, 2 Harnesses, &c. &c.

THOMAS J. CLARK, Adm'r.

Topsfield, March 25, 1853.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 1, 1853.

ALL THE RIGHT, title, and interest that Samuel Hood, of
Topsfield, hereafter, has in and to one undivided fifth part of
about twenty acres of land, with a barn and carriage house there-
on; being the estate of which Edward Hood, of Topsfield, died
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Salem Gazette, Feb. 23, 1853.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 24 day
of April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the house lately
occupied by Wm. G. Lark, in Topsfield.
ALL THE RIGHT and title that Wm. G. Lark deceased,
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(so called), in Topsfield; with about twelve hundred bearing Ap-
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Topsfield, March 26, 1853.
Salem Gazette, Apr. 1, 1853.

TOPSFIELD, Wednesday, April 6.

The ground is being broken today for the making of the Georgetown and Danvers railroad. There will be a new location of railroad from Georgetown to South Reading, which makes a new route from Newburyport to Boston, *through Topsfield*. Will not this be "first rate" for Topsfield?

Salem Gazette, Apr. 7, 1853.

FOR SALE.

At the NURSERY formerly occupied by WM. G. LAKE, deceased, in Topsfield, a large lot of APPLE, PEAR, PEACH, and PLUM TREES, of the choicest kinds.

☞ For further particulars, inquire of JEREMIAH BALCH, on the premises.

Topsfield, March 24, 1853.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 19, 1853.

Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Notice.

THE subscribers to the stock of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company are hereby notified, that the President and Directors of the Company have made the second assessment of ten dollars per share, on all the shares in said Corporation; and directed the same to be paid to the Treasurer, at his residence, in Topsfield, on the second day of May next; and they are requested to pay the same accordingly.

WM. N. CLEAVELAND, Treasurer.

Topsfield, April 19, 1853.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 22, 1853.

For the Gazette.

It appears, by the doings of the Legislature that a Normal School is to be established in the County of Essex.

We must be permitted to put in a claim for the good old town of Topsfield. In the first place, the centre of the county would seem to indicate the centre of accommodation for the purity and healthfulness of the air, the hills have nothing to be compared with them in any other part of the county. The scenery in and about the town excels; the drives, for beauty of scenery, and romantic views, are unsurpassed.

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With no small degree of confidence, we invite the Commission, or whatever is empowered to select a site for the establishment, to examine our town before they decide upon a spot.

TOPSFIELD.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 26, 1853.

Danvers & Georgetown Railroad.

THE subscribers to the Stock of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company are notified that the following assessments have been made by the President and Directors on all the shares of the Capital Stock of said Company, viz:—

\$20	per share,	payable on Monday,	8th of June next.
\$20	"	"	" 4th of July "
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And the same are ordered to be paid at the residence of the Treasurer in Topsfield, at the times above named; and subscribers are requested to pay the same accordingly. Parties paying the same, or any part in advance, will be allowed interest to the time when they become due.

W. N. CLEVELAND, Treasurer.

Salem Gazette, May 13, 1853.

DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD.

The work on this road, between North Danvers and Georgetown, is making very rapid progress. It is estimated that about one third of the entire work under contract is already completed. The most formidable ledge on the entire line is situated near Putnamville, or "Blind Hole," in North Danvers, and is already taken down to a considerable extent. It is a somewhat remarkable fact that the cost of all the work thus far has been below

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It is now expected, with reasonable confidence, that the road will be entirely graded and made ready for the track before winter, and that the track will be laid early in the spring. The company are making contracts for their iron, as we are informed at the present time.—Obs.

Salem Gazette, July 12, 1853.

Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company.

THE stockholders of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company are hereby notified that their Annual Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, the third day of August next, at the Academy Hall, in Topsfield, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to choose a board of Directors; to make such alterations in the By-Laws as they shall deem proper; and to do any other business that may legally come before them.

Per Order,

GEO. F. CHOATE, Clerk.

Salem Gazette, July 19, 1853.

FOR SALE—A valuable estate in Topsfield, nine miles from Salem, on the County Road to Haverhill, consisting of a good Dwelling House, two Barns, a Shoe Manufactory, and about two and a half acres of land, with a good variety of fruit and ornamental trees.

Said estate has a front on said County road, of 17 rods and 10 feet, and is within 40 rods of the railroad now building between Georgetown and Danvers.

Apply to JOHN WRIGHT, on the premises.

Salem Gazette, July 26, 1853.

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Salem Gazette, Aug. 23, 1853.

SPUNKY. The people of the town of Essex are talking of building a railroad from that town to the new Road in Topsfield, intersecting the Eastern near the Hamilton meeting house, about six miles. Should that road be build, and those completed that are now already chartered, there will not be a town in

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Newburyport Union.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 21, 1853.

By John G. Hood, Auctioneer,

TOPSFIELD

Administratrix's Sale of Real Estate.

By order of Probate Court, will be sold at Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 18th day of November next,—THE following described Real Estate, now belonging to the estate of JOHN C. BALCH, late of Topsfield, yeoman, deceased:—

A parcel of Pasture Land, situated in Topsfield, containing four acres, known as the Copper Mine Lot.

Also, one undivided half part of about two acres of Peat Meadow, situated in Boxford, near the house of Francis Hood.

Also, one undivided half part of about sixteen acres of Wood Land, situated in Boxford, near to Crooked Pond.

Also, one Pew (No. 53) in the Congregational Meeting House, in Topsfield.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M., with the Copper Mine Pasture, on the premises, and at which time and place the Peat Meadow will be sold; and at 1 o'clock, P. M., the Wood Land, on the premises; and at 3 o'clock, the Pew, at the meeting-house.

Conditions made known at the sale.

MARY ANN BALCH, Adm'r.

Topsfield, Oct. 28, 1853.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 28, 1853.

DEATHS.

In Topsfield, Widow Dolly T. Pike, aged 96; Austin, son of Mr. Humphrey Wildes, jr., aged 4 years.—His death was occasioned by getting accidentally a kernel of corn in his windpipe.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 6, 1853.

BURGLARY. The shoe store of Mr. Perley Balch, of Topsfield, was broken open on Wednesday night, and shoes and stock to the amount of about one hundred dollars, stolen therefrom.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 9, 1853.

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 Newburyport Union
 Salem Gazette, Oct. 21, 1853.

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Fire at Topsfield. On Friday afternoon at 5½ o'clock, the barn, with all its contents of hay, grain, &c., of Asa Pingree, Esq., in Topsfield, took fire, and was entirely destroyed. The cause of the fire was not known.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 13, 1853.

MAD DOGS. On the 25th of November the inhabitants of Topsfield were somewhat surprised by the appearance of a large black dog, with a leather collar around his neck, and an iron ring attached to it. The dog both looked and acted strangely, biting every dog he chanced to meet, and, on the day following, was killed in the east part of the town. It was soon known that he had bitten a large number of dogs and one cow. In two weeks, a dog owned by Mr. Moody Andrews was taken sick, and is supposed that he was mad. After raving and frothing a few days he was killed. Also, about the same time, a hog, owned by J. N. Pope, of Boxford, was taken in much the same way, and died in a few days. The next Wednesday a dog owned by Mr. Eleazer Lake was taken in much the same way, and, after lingering a few days, died. On the 9th of December, being just three weeks, a hog, owned by Mr. James Cass, was taken sick in much the same manner as the other hog and dogs, and we think there is no doubt that the hog is mad, as it is known he was bitten by the same dog. All the above, and many other dogs, are known to have been bitten, and in most cases they have been killed.

Since writing the above, we hear that a dog owned by Mr. George Wilkins of Middleton, has become mad by the bite of the same dog;—also a cow in Middleton.—*Reg.*

Salem Gazette, Dec. 16, 1853.

The following petition was left yesterday, at the City Hall:

To the Honorable Ashael Huntington, Mayor of Salem and those associated with him in the Government of that city.

The undersigned, citizens of Topsfield, are painfully concerned on account of the prevalence of drunkenness in our town. We have done something, and are now doing, what we can, to stay the progress of this vice, and to reclaim its degraded victims, and restore them to their families and to society. But we find our efforts thwarted to a great extent by the facility with which the evil disposed and weak minded obtain the means of intoxication in your city. So long as such a state of things continues there, many of our young men and boys will become miserable inebriates, and, many of our families, will endure all the wretchedness which a drunken husband and father is sure to inflict—

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notwithstanding our best endeavors to prevent drunkenness, and to reform the drunkard.

In our distress we turn to you, and respectfully but earnestly ask that the laws of our Commonwealth, intended to restrict and to prohibit the traffic in intoxicating drinks, may be faithfully and rigorously enforced within the bounds of your jurisdiction. When this shall be done, we believe that a principal fountain whence flow demoralization poverty and ruin to a considerable portion of our fellow citizens, and indescribable anguish to their families, will be dried up. We have no purpose or desire to instruct you respecting your official duties, but deeply feeling and frankly acknowledging our great need of your assistance, if ye can do anything in the way we have suggested, we entreat you as faithful rulers and good men that ye will help us.

Topsfield Dec. 9, 1853.

The above petition is signed by 119 citizens and legal voters of Topsfield.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 23, 1853.

THE SNOW STORM.

On Saturday night and Sunday we had yet another fall of snow, of several inches, making the fourth within a week, and leveling off the heaps for sleighing. Between two and three feet on a level must have fallen in all.

A letter from the Topsfield Postmaster, dated Friday says: "The wind blew from the northeast until 4 P. M., yesterday and heaped the snow, in places 10 or 15 feet deep. After it changed to the northwest, it reversed the order of things, and completely shifted the snow heaps. Not a horse passed my store yesterday—a circumstance which never occurred before, say for twenty-five years. My hogs are completely immersed in snow, and my horses are hemmed in with a bank of snow ten feet around my stable—when I shall get them out remains to be seen. Our farmers are turning out their teams for an old-fashioned "Break-Path," and when a good road is completed I shall visit you."

Salem Gazette, Jan. 3, 1854.

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Salem Gazette, Jan. 6, 1854.

notwithstanding our best endeavors to prevent drunkenness, and to reform the drunkard.

In our distress we turn to you, and respectfully but earnestly ask that the laws of our Commonwealth, intended to restrict and to prohibit the traffic in intoxicating drinks, may be faithfully and rigorously enforced within the bounds of your jurisdiction. When this shall be done, we believe that a principal fountain whence flow demoralization, poverty and ruin, so a considerable portion of our fellow citizens, and individuals anxious to their families, will be dried up. We have no purpose or desire to instruct you respecting your official duties, but deeply feeling and frankly acknowledging our great need of your assistance, if you can do anything in the way we have suggested, we entreat you as faithful men and good men that you will help us.

Topsfield Dec. 9, 1853.

The above petition is signed by 119 citizens and legal voters of Topsfield.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 23, 1853.

THE SNOW STORM.

On Saturday night and Sunday we had yet another fall of snow, of several inches, making the fourth within a week, and leveling off the heaps for sleighing. Between two and three feet on a level must have fallen in all.

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COLD WEATHER. At Topsfield, on Sunday morning, at sunrise, the mercury in the thermometer of B. P. Adams, Esq., was at 20 below zero; at noon it rose to 10 above, after which it commenced falling, and at sunrise it stood at zero.—At 9 in the evening, it was 14, and Monday morning, 20 below zero.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 31, 1854.

For the Salem Gazette.

Mr. Editor—I notice, by the papers, that mad dogs are becoming quite numerous of late, and the losses of animals (to say nothing of human life), are far greater than the worth of all the dogs in christendom. Not long since a mad dog passed through Topsfield, and bit a large fat hog, on the farm of Mr. Thomas Cass, and in about two weeks the hog was seized with spasms, making all the attempts in its power to escape from its pen, and in a few hours died. Several dogs were bitten, some of which were killed by their owners immediately, while others were permitted to live; but into about two weeks became rabid, and were either killed, or died (as they were kept confined by their owners), and hundreds of people saw them in this condition.

Another mad dog passed through this town some three or four weeks since, and bit a fine horse, which was (after being bitten), bought by Mr. John S. Whipple, he not knowing the fact at the time he made the purchase. After driving the horse, one day last week, Mr. Whipple discovered that he appeared sick during the evening, though he went perfectly well during the day. Mr. W. had not a thought of the true cause of his complaint at the time, but administered to him a medicine (as he supposed for another complaint), by drawing his tongue from his mouth with his hand and inserting the neck of a bottle in his throat and letting the medicine run down. Think of the danger of Mr. Whipple during this process.

This seemed to deprive the poor animal of all power of government; his ravings were indescribable, he kicked and bit everything within his reach, leaving the print of his teeth in many places, and at last leaped through a narrow glass window, not wide enough for him to pass without scraping his hair from both sides, running at full speed through the town till at last he became exhausted and died. It does seem to me, Mr. Editor, that this, together with the many other instances lately recorded of mad dogs, ought to cause to be destroyed many of the worthless dogs which are so numerous both in Cities and Towns.

Topsfield, April 14, 1854.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 18, 1854.

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DEATHS.

In Topsfield, 18th inst, Mrs. Lydia Peabody, widow of the late Mr. John Peabody, aged 89. Mrs. P. was the oldest inhabitant of the town, and the last of the Revolutionary pensioners.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 21, 1854.

TOPSFIELD, June 1, 1854.

The new Methodist E. Church, at Topsfield, which was commenced a year ago, is just completed, and is a beautiful ornament to the town. The dedication is to take place on Wednesday, June 14, at half past 10 o'clock, A. M. Sermon on the occasion by the Rev. L. D. Barrows, Lowell.

The house is 75 by 45 and has 70 pews. It has a fine tower, in which is a splendid bell, from the foundry of H. N. Hooper, Esq., of Boston. The bell is the gift of sundry members of the society. The house has a hall, the dimensions of which, are 75 by 45 feet, and all furnished.

The building was erected under the care of a committee, who hired the workmen by the day; the work was executed under the direction of Mr. Jacob Foster, and gives him good credit as an architect. The inside of the church was handsomely frescoed by Bartoll & Henderson, of Marblehead; the painting of the centre piece is admired by all who have seen it. The pulpit, chairs and sofa, were furnished and executed by Messrs. Whipple & Fellows of Salem, and do good credit to these gentlemen, as furnishers of articles of that kind.

The house is finely carpeted, throughout, by the ladies of the society; and one thing worthy of mention is, that the amount expended for the furnishing of the house was earned by the ladies of the sewing circle, in closing and binding shoes.

Salem Gazette, June 6, 1854.

TOPSFIELD.

TOPSFIELD, June 27th. The new Methodist Episcopal Church in this town was dedicated on the 14th day of this month [June].—And we would remark, that here, as in most places in New England, Methodism had to struggle against overshadowing influence of old and pre-established systems whose selfish and unsympathizing policy has here compelled the little company of founders to exercise in a high degree the sublime virtue of endurance, and to wait patiently for their prosperity.

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The house is finely carpeted, throughout, by the ladies of the society; and one thing worthy of mention is, that the amount expended for the furnishing of the house was earned by the ladies of the sewing circle, in closing and binding shoes.

Salem Gazette, June 5, 1854.

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The exercises commenced at 10 1-2 o'clock in the following order, viz:—Voluntary, by the choir. "Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion," 1. Invocation, by Rev. Mr. Butler, of Lynn; 2. Hymn 964; 3. Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Gordon of Danvers; 4. Anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord;" 5. Reading of the scriptures, by Rev. Mr. Dadman, of Ipswich; 6. Hymn 969; 7. Sermon, by Rev. Mr. Barrows, of Lowell; 8. Dedictory prayer, by Rev. Mr. Crowell, of Lynn, presiding Elder of the District; 9. Anthem, "Now elevate the sign of Judah;" 10. Benediction, by the pastor of the church.

The instrumental and vocal music was conducted by *Sam'l S. Mackenzie, Esq.*, who has been our Chorister for some years, assisted by several well known musical performers, whose music was of the *highest* order.

In addition to what was said in the "Mercury" of the 7th, I would say that the building was erected under the care of a committee, who hired the workmen by the day; Mr. Graves, of Boston, was the Architect, the work was executed under the care of Messrs. Jacob Foster and John H. Potter, and gives them great credit as carpenters, or master builders.

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Salem Gazette, June 30, 1854.

INTEMPERANCE AND DEATH.

TOPSFIELD, July 20, 1854.

There was found, the early part of last week, in a secluded place, away from any habitation, in the westerly part of Ipswich, a dead man, with a rum jug lying by his side. The appearance would indicate that he had been dead several days. He was discovered by accident, by a man who was driving cattle from the pasture, and his loathsome remains were taken possession of by the Overseers of the Poor in Topsfield, and buried on the town farm. Such is the end of Aaron Cross, a man of about 60 years, who, but for intemperance, might have been respected in his life and lamented in his death. He was once a keeper of a victualling cellar in Derby Street, at the head of Union wharf in Salem, where he saved a sufficient amount of money to make him independent in his old age; but he long since spent his last dollar, and the last few years of his life were spent in wandering from house to house, drinking rum and cider wherever he could get it, till at last death relieved the community of him.

Salem Gazette, July 25, 1854.

The exercises commenced at 10-1-2 o'clock in the following order, viz:—Voluntary, by the choir. "Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion," 1. Invocation, by Rev. Mr. Butler, of Lynn; 2. Hymn 961; 3. Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Gordon of Danvers; 4. Anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord;" 5. Reading of the scriptures, by Rev. Mr. Dabman, of Ipswich; 6. Hymn 969; 7. Sermon, by Rev. Mr. Barrows, of Lowell; 8. Dedication prayer, by Rev. Mr. Crowell, of Lynn, presiding Elder of the District; 9. Anthem, "Now elevate the sign of Jahab;" 10. Benediction, by the pastor of the church.

The instrumental and vocal music was conducted by Saml. A. Mendenhall, Esq., who has been our Chorister for some years, assisted by several well known musical performers, whose music was of the highest order.

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Salem Gazette, July 25, 1854.

Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company.

THE Stockholders of the DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD COMPANY are hereby notified that their Annual Meeting will be held at MUNDAY'S HALL, in Topsfield, on WEDNESDAY, the 2d day of August next, at two o'clock, P. M., for the following purposes, viz:—

- 1st. To choose a Board of Directors for the coming year.
- 2d. To see if the Company will issue bonds, agreeable to the act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, passed April 13th, 1854, entitled "An Act to authorize Railroad Companies to issue Bonds," and authorize the Directors thereto.
- 3d. To see if the Company will accept the act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, passed May 2d, 1853, entitled "An Act concerning the Newburyport, Danvers and Georgetown, and Danvers Railroad Companies," and to take such action as they shall deem proper for the purpose of uniting with the said Danvers and Newburyport Railroad Companies, under said act; and to do any other things which they are authorized by said act to do.
- 4th. To do any other business that may legally come before them.

Per order,

GEO. F. CHOATE, Clerk.

Salem, July 25, 1854.

Salem Gazette Aug. 1, 1854.

COWARDLY RASCALITY. We learn that a valuable horse, belonging to Mr. Samuel Janes, of Topsfield, who runs a Daily Express between that town and Salem, was maliciously stabbed in two places, on Tuesday night of last week, by some unknown hand. A rain had recently fallen, and the horse was turned out in the evening for the benefit of his feet, and in company with several other horses, passed the night on or near the Common. On Wednesday morning he was found bleeding freely from the wounds, both of which were evidently inflicted with one and the same knife, and died in the course of the day. There is but one tone of indignant public sentiment in the town in regard to this malicious butchering of a useful and valuable horse, and that is of unqualified reprehension of the cowardly villany that would prompt to so base an act, for the evident purpose of injuring a poor but unoffending fellow townsman. We are glad to hear that some of the most influential citizens of Topsfield are

Danvers and Georgetown Railroad Company.

THE STOCKHOLDERS of the DANVERS AND GEORGETOWN RAILROAD COMPANY are hereby notified that their Annual Meeting will be held at MINNAY'S HALL, in TOWNSHIP, on WEDNESDAY, the 24 day of August next, at two o'clock, P. M., for the

following purposes, viz:—

- 1st. To choose a Board of Directors for the coming year.
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Per order,

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taking prompt and active measures to remunerate Mr. Janes for at least a portion of his loss.—*Reg.*

Salem Gazette, Aug. 4, 1854.

DEATHS.

In Portland, 3d inst., Capt. Daniel Cummings, a native of Topsfield, Mass., aged 80.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 8, 1854.

The Boston Transcript states that the new railroad between Boston and Newburyport over the Danvers Railroad and the Danvers and Georgetown roads, will be opened for public travel next month. The road is nearly completed, the cars and engines are on the line, and but a few weeks are required to complete the track. This line will open a railway communication through a portion of Essex County not accommodated by existing lines. The route will be over the Boston and Maine road to South Reading, near the junction of the Salem and South Reading roads. From thence the new track runs through Lynnfield, Tapleyville, North Danvers, Topsfield, Boxford, Georgetown and Newbury, to Newburyport. On Saturday last, the cars ran, for the first time, into the village of Topsfield, from Georgetown.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 15, 1854.

The "iron horse" arrived, for the first time, at the railroad station, in the village of Topsfield, on Thursday last; and in the course of this week it is expected it may reach Danvers Plains.

Salem Gazette, Aug. 22, 1854.

TOPSFIELD.

Topsfield, Aug. 19.

Our Georgetown, Topsfield and Danvers Railroad, is just drawing to a completion. The whistle of the engine has, for the first time, within a week, disturbed the quiet slumbers of our village. The rails are now laid as far as the Ipswich River, south of the village, one mile. In one week more, the rails will be laid as far as North Danvers; and by the first day of September, the cars will commence running over the road; which will be a day of much interest to the towns, through which it passes.—The distance from Newburyport to Boston

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will be, by this route, thirty-four miles, or two miles farther than by Newburyport Turnpike. This road is said to be one of the best graded roads in the country, and from present appearance, promises all that its friends ever claimed for it.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the President and Directors of this company, for the manner in which they have carried the matter so near to its final completion.

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Salem Gazette, Aug. 22, 1854.

DANVERS and GEORGETOWN RAILROAD.

TOPSFIELD, Aug. 31, 1854.

The passenger cars on the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad, ran yesterday, for the first time, between Topsfield and Georgetown, to carry a party of one hundred and fifty to a picnic in Little's Grove.

It is understood that the whole line of the road will be completed on Friday, and that the cars will run to Boston on Saturday.

L.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 1, 1854.

OPENING OF THE GEORGETOWN, DANVERS & SOUTH READING RAILROAD.

Correspondence of the Salem Gazette.

Topsfield, Sept. 2d, 1854.

Mr. Editor—By the polite invitation of the President and Directors of the above companies, I took the cars at Topsfield, early in the afternoon of September 1st, for South Reading, for the purpose of making an experimental trials of the above roads; and believing that a few notes by the way might be interesting to you, and the numerous readers of your valuable journal, I offer them for publication. At the station at Topsfield large numbers had assembled to witness our departure, and to congratulate us on the prospect of the pleasure of the excursion. We glided finely along, and the first place of particular note that we came to was what was formerly called *Blind Hole*, but latterly named *Putnamville*. There we passed through a formidable ledge, of the hardest granite, which has yielded to the influence of the hammer and drill. After little delay at Porter's plain, we passed on to North Danvers, where several hundred had assembled to witness our arrival, which was greeted with cheers.

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Salem Gazette, Aug. 22, 1854.

DAVENEY and GEORGETOWN RAILROAD.

Topsfield, Aug. 31, 1854.

The passenger cars on the Davenev and Georgetown Railroad, yesterday, for the first time, between Topsfield and Georgetown, to carry a party of one hundred and fifty to a picnic in Little's Grove.

It is understood that the whole line of the road will be completed on Friday, and that the cars will run to Boston on Saturday.

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Salem Gazette, Sept. 1, 1854.

OPENING OF THE GEORGETOWN, DAVENEY & SOUTH READING RAILROAD.

Correspondence of the Salem Gazette.

Topsfield, Sept. 24, 1854.

Mr. Editor—By the polite invitation of the President and Directors of the above company, I took the cars at Topsfield, early in the afternoon of September 1st, for South Reading, for the purpose of making an experimental trial of the above road; and believing that a few notes by the way might be interesting to you, and the numerous readers of your valuable journal, I offer them for publication. At the station at Topsfield large numbers had assembled to witness our departure, and to congratulate us on the prospect of the pleasure of the excursion. We glided lightly along, and the first place of particular note that we came to was what was formerly called Black Hole, but lately named Waterville. There we passed through a formidable ledge of the hardest granite, which has yielded to the influence of the hammer and drill. After little delay at Porter's plain, we passed on to North Danvers, where several hundred had assembled to witness our arrival, which was greeted with cheers.

From North Danvers we started for *Tapleyville*, and on our arrival at the depot we were hailed with much joy. Our demonstration was by a noble fire company, out on duty, waiting our arrival.

From hence we passed on to that famous place, which has been visited by thousands the past summer, called "*Needham's Hill*." Here we had an opportunity to witness what skill, perserverance and industry had accomplished to divide this monster of a hill, and let the *iron horse* pass on without molestation.

The next place of note that we arrived at was that famous place known to the ancient's as the *Devil's Dishfull*, but to modern travellers as *Brook Dale*. The inhabitants must be very much benefitted by this road.

A few puffs of the iron horse, brought us to Lynnfield depot. At this place we found flags flying and numbers had assembled to greet us onward.

From this place we moved smoothly on, and shortly arrived at *South Reading*, where we stopped for the space of an hour, to *wood-up* and to exchange congratulations with the friends, upon the success of this brilliant and successful *enterprise*.

We then started homeward bound, and arrived safely at our destination. It is worthy of note that from the appearances upon the route, the road will be well patronized, and most assuredly it should be for the perservance with which the work has been executed; for, like all public works, it has had its enemies to contend with, both in single and corporate capacities; but under the management of its gentlemanly and obliging officers, it must arrive at a good state of prosperity, and be one of the crowning roads of the county.

The gentlemen from Newburyport, who accompanied the excursion train, were well pleased with the appearances of the country, and the road, and the new facilities that it will offer them to enter *Boston* at a *convenient place*.

L.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 5, 1854.

On Thursday afternoon, a barn owned by Henry Towne of Topsfield, was accidentally fired by a small boy, and the barn with its contents was destroyed. The barn was valued at \$300, contents \$750. No insurance.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 12, 1854.

From North Davenport we started for Tappanville, and on our arrival at the depot we were hailed with much joy. Our demonstration was by a noble fire company, one on duty, waiting our arrival.

From hence we passed on to that famous place which has been visited by thousands the past summer, called "Newman's Will." Here we had an opportunity to witness what skill, perseverance and industry had accomplished to divide this monster of a hill, and let the free river pass on without molestation.

The next place of note that we arrived at was that famous place known to the ancient as the "Isle of the Dead," but to modern travellers as "Isle of the Dead." The inhabitants must be very much benefited by this road.

A few paths of the iron horse, brought us to Tappanville depot. At this place we found many flying and numbers had assembled to greet us onward.

From this place we moved smoothly on, and shortly arrived at Santa Fe, where we stopped for the space of an hour, to receive and to exchange congratulations with the friends upon the success of this brilliant and successful enterprise.

We then started homeward bound, and arrived safely at our destination. It is worthy of note that from the appearance upon the route, the road will be well patronized, and most assuredly it should be for the perseverance with which the work has been executed; for, like all public works, it has had its enemies to contend with, both in single and corporate capacities; but under the management of its gentlemanly and able officers, it must arrive at a good state of prosperity, and be one of the growing roads of the country.

The gentlemen from Newburyport who accompanied the excursion train, were well pleased with the appearance of the country, and the road, and the new facilities that it will offer them to enter Boston at a convenient place.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 5, 1854.

On Thursday afternoon, a barn owned by Henry Towne of Tappanville, was suddenly fired by a small boy, and the barn with its contents was destroyed. The barn was valued at \$200, contents \$150. No insurance.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 12, 1854.

GREAT SALE OF TREES.

From Lake's Celebrated Topsfield Nurseries. Will be offered at Public Auction, on SATURDAY, Oct. 14th, at 10 o'clock A. M.,—

A large variety of TREES, consisting in part of Pear, Plum, Peach, Apple, and Cherry; also, Apricots and Nectarines; also, superior Apple Trees. The Cherry Trees are of a superior variety.

—This sale will offer great inducements, as every thing sold will be in good condition and the variety complete.

—Also at 9 o'clock,—

A lot of Furniture, &c.

Cash advanced on consignments.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 10, 1854.

GREAT YIELD OF APPLES. We learn that there has been gathered the present week, from a single apple, upon the farm of MR. NEHEMIAH PERKINS, in Topsfield, the extraordinary quantity of *one hundred bushels* (40 barrels) of apples; The tree has always been a great bearer, frequently producing from 50 to 60 bushels. The fruit is of a tart flavor and moderate size; the tree is about 50 year old.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 17, 1854.

THE DANVERS RAILROAD is to be opened on Monday next, agreeably to the notice which will be found in another column, and there will be six trains between Boston and North Danvers daily. Trains between Salem, South Danvers and Boston, will be run in connection with the above trains, via the Salem and Lowell Railroad, connecting at West Danvers Junction. The Danvers and Georgetown R. R. opens the same day.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 20, 1854.

OVER THE NEW RAILROADS.

The new railroads, as we have before stated, open a new communication between several of the towns of Essex county, never before visited by the locomotive. By the new route to Boston you first proceed over the Salem and Lowell Railroad, passing the usual stations upon that road, to West Danvers. At this junction the train from Salem is attached to another from Newburyport, and is thus conveyed over the new road to South Reading, where it passes over the Boston and Maine road into

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—Also at 3 o'clock—

A lot of Potatoes, &c.
Cash advanced on consignments.

Bath Gazette, Oct. 10, 1854.

GREAT TREES ON ARRIVAL. We learn that there has been gathered the present week, from a single apple, upon the farm of Mr. Newman Perkins in Topsheld, the extraordinary quantity of one hundred bushels (40 barrels) of apples; the tree has always been a great bearer, frequently producing from 50 to 60 bushels. The fruit is of a fine flavor and moderate size; the tree is about 50 year old.

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Boston. The intermediate stations between West Danvers and South Reading, are "Brookdale" (the settlement about the woolen factory, and part of West Danvers commonly called the "Dishful" we believe), and Lynnfield Centre—a village of the town of Lynnfield, about two miles from the hotel. These localities have never before been connected by railroad with any other point.

The West Danvers junction is in the midst of woods and thickets, but presents a very business like appearance in the railroad line, to those passengers who have occasion to change cars for Newburyport, or any of the towns in that direction. That part of the line between South Reading and Georgetown is newly built—the new *Danvers and Georgetown* road extending from the latter town to North Danvers, and the *Danvers* road from North Danvers to South Reading, connecting there with the *Boston and Maine* road, to which the Danvers has been leased.

The cars from Boston for Salem over this route are connected with the trains for Newburyport, and are switched off at the West Danvers junction, to the Lowell road, while the remainder of the train, making first a brief stop, continues on the straight course. We have stated this for the information of those who do not thoroughly understand the *modus operandi* of the new arrangement.

Taking a comfortable seat in one of the splendid new cars, in company with a good number of "regulars" and "invited guests," we proceed to the direction of Newburyport. Most of the railroad routes in this State present an attractive scenery to the passenger, characterised, however, by a certain sameness relieved only by an occasional arrival at some thrifty settlement, which may present some particular object worthy of a passing note. As strangers passing over this road in trains which do not stop at every station, sometimes inquire the names of the various settlements, we would state that the first after leaving the junction, is Tapleyville, or "Danvers Centre"—a village devoted, like most of the small towns of Essex county, to shoe manufacturing, and farming. The next settlement is at "Danvers Plains," where you cross the track of the Essex Railroad, the depot of which is but a short distance to the south-east. As you pass on from here, a few settlements and shoe manufacturies may be observed upon the left, which is known to the Danvers "natives," as "Putnamville"—one of those designations given probably in honor of the family whose name is largely in the preponderance in the locality, and another so necessary to

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distinguish the various villages embraced in the extensive area of land within the precincts of Danvers town.

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TOPSFIELD.

As a more extended notice of the before mentioned places has been published in this paper, we cannot forbear jumping out at this station to pass a few hours in the company of those friends whom we occasionally meet in Salem upon their business visits, usually to obtain a supply of the various articles for which their own stores often receive a "call."

Topsfield is a very pretty little country town, abounding in hills and plains, of which one may obtain an excellent and extended view from several of the hills and more elevated roads in the vicinity. A mile and a half to the westward of the main settlement, is the Boyden stock farm—devoted exclusively to the raising of live stock. Horses, pigs, and cattle of all kinds may here gratify the sight of those who delight in these hobbies, and some excellent specimens of these several animals may be here examined. A couple of noble stallions one of which took a prize at the last cattle show, are among the varieties, and the latter of these, is one of the most beautifully formed animals that we ever beheld.

Passing down from this farm upon the Newburyport turnpike you have occasion to pass over the arched bridge over the Ipswich river. This bridge was built a year or two ago at a very considerable expense both to the county, and the town of Topsfield, we believe. It is a very substantial structure, and will undoubtedly endure for ages. "Lake's Hill" is somewhat nearer the village, and is probably so called from the name of the proprietors of the celebrated nurseries in the vicinity. The steep roadway leading from these orchards affords an excellent view of the village and its two spires, so necessary to contribute a sort of "finishing touch" to a New England country town.

Among the neat houses in Topsfield, that of Wm. N. Cleveland, Esq. would probably strike one's eye as combining a unique and general orderly appearance. The extensive, well enclosed lands possess a peculiar charm, both from their situation, and the neat manner in which they are kept. A new house is being erected near by, also, by John G. Hood, Esq.

Topsfield is possessed of about five public schools, and one academy which qualifies its pupils for college. This academy has been built about twenty years. There are two churches here, one of which—the Methodists'—was dedicated no longer ago than last June. Farming and shoe-making constitute the chief

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business of the place, and in the latter branch of industry, Chas. Herrick's establishment is the most extensive. Munday's butchery, near the depot, is probably the largest concern of its kind in the vicinity, supplying, to a great extent, many of the Salem and other dealers. About ten thousand sheep are slaughtered annually at this establishment, and we were informed that no inconsiderable amount of duties was paid annually for the stock brought from the Canadas. The jocular friend who accompanied us insisted upon our taking a sharp scrutiny of the *full* proportions of the chief proprietor of this concern, for the purpose of giving him a "puff;" but, as he would weigh from two to three hundred pounds, extra *puffing* is deemed unnecessary.

There are but two grocery stores kept in Topsfield—one by Mr. Kimball (formerly Kimball & Gould), and the other by B. P. Adams, Esq. It would have afforded us much pleasure to have passed an evening with our friend Adams, enjoying the rich treat which must be afforded in listening to the threadbare yarns and village gossip of the "settlers," who are quite as capable of talking, at least,

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upon the current subjects of political interest. But time would not permit of this; and we have only to keep this entertainment in anticipation, as another opportunity may soon be offered of passing the social evening, as well as bestowing a scrutiny upon the *unvisited* "Long Wharf."

Topsfield is one of the towns never visited by the locomotive previous to the opening of the Georgetown road. With the leisure of the evening, therefore, many of the people, old and young, congregate at the depot to witness the arrival and departure of the trains, as they undoubtedly present the same novelty to many of the good folks of Topsfield that they did to a large portion of the Salemites when the Eastern road was first opened.

Leaving Topsfield, the cars will take you to Boxford, the next station on the route, and a town which sends much ship timber to Newburyport and Essex, and from thence to Georgetown, the terminus of the Danvers and Georgetown road. By the Newburyport and Georgetown road, however, trains connect with Haverhill, Bradford, Groveland, Byfield, and Newburyport.

Several of the depots along the road are as yet unfinished, but will probably be completed in a short time. Those of our citizens who devote a month or two of each year to time-killing at Newport and Niagara, will do well to improve the opportunity now

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Salem Gazette, Oct. 31, 1854.

VALUATION OF TOPSFIELD.

The Assessors of Topsfield for the present year, have made the valuation of the Town, viz :

Real Estate,	\$384,990
Personal Estate,	208,100

Total Value,	\$593,090
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on which has been assessed at 60 per cent, a tax including State and County of	\$3,558 27
and on 297 Polls at 1.50 each	445 50

making an amount of	\$4,003 77
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of which am't. the Town taxes are	\$3,079 77
County taxes,	672 00
State taxes,	252 00

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List of names of those persons in Topsfield whose taxes are \$25.00 and upwards.

B. P. Adams, \$37.35; Sam'l Adams, 28.50; Mrs. Sophronia Averell, 28.01; Mrs. Mary Ames, 42.60; Abraham Balch, 32.37; Perley Balch, 31.80; Joseph W. Batchelder, 25.87; Dudley Bradstreet, 37.89; Wm. Bradstreet, jr., 29.64; Frederic Boyden, 83.07; William Cummings, 32.10; Humphrey Clarke, 26.67; John Dwinell, 54.12; Samuel Gould, 31.98; Charles Herrick, 91.20; John Lamson, 49.60; R. A. Merriam, 34.41; William Mundy, 58.35; Benj. C. Orne, 28.11; Joel R. Peabody, 26.76; Asa Pingree, 346.63; Moses Pettingill, 43.20; Mrs. Molly Perkins, 29.40; David Perkins, 25.77; Richard Phillips, jr., 27.57; Israel Rea, 37.62; Willard Smith, 34.53; Eben W. Towne, 25.36; David Towne, 48.12; Benj. B. Towne, 33.27; Alfred P. Towne, 31.71; Jacob P. Towne, 44.81; Wildes & Bartlett, 27.83; Moses Wildes, 182.22; John Wright, 73.03; Moses Putnam (Danvers), 26.67; John Cleaveland (New York), 33.72.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 7, 1854.

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State taxes, 233.00

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Salem Gazette, Nov. 7, 1854.

A MUSICAL CONVENTION, is to be held at the Congregational Church, in Topsfield, on Monday, Nov. 27th, commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M., under the direction of Mr. B. F. Baker, assisted by Messrs. S. B. Ball and Charles Henderson, and Mrs. J. H. Long, of Boston.

The object of the Convention, as set forth in a circular by the conductors, is to impart instruction in Music, and to awaken a more intelligent interest in singing as a part of public worship, to study and practise with reference to skill and taste in musical performance, and to promote a more uniform and consistent style in Singing. A Concert will be given in the evening.

Conventions of this sort are calculated to produce good results for the improvement of musical taste in the community, and it is hoped this opportunity for the furtherance of an object so desirable, will not be neglected by the citizens of

ESSEX COUNTY.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 24, 1854.

FATAL ACCIDENT. We are informed by Mr. Janes of the Topsfield Express, that an accident of a very painful nature, occurred in that town, on Thursday last. A young man named John Andrews, aged 16 years, son of Mr. Moody Andrews, of Topsfield, was in the fields for the purpose of shooting game, having loaded his gun, he laid it upon the ground, and shortly afterwards seeing a squirrel near by, he took hold of the gun near the muzzle and attempted to draw it towards him, when the hammer struck a stone or bush, causing it to explode, the whole charge entering near the region of the heart, and causing death in a few minutes. He is represented as a young man of much promise, and the bereavement to the family is truly afflictive. The agony of the father who was present with him at the time was agonizing.—*Obs.*

Salem Gazette, Nov. 28, 1854.

From the Plough, the Loom, and the Anvil.

MR. BOYDEN'S PLACE, TOPSFIELD, MASS.

USE OF HAZEL-RODS BY MR. WILLARD.

MESSRS. EDITORS: Having just returned from a visit to my friend, Fred'k Boyden, of Topsfield, you will please accept some crayon-sketches of his freehold, and some of his animals. It is the old Crowninshield Farm and mansion including some two hundred acres, capable of yielding as many tons of English

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Salem Gazette, Nov. 28, 1854.

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MR. HOYDEN'S PLACE, TOPSFIELD, MASS.

USE OF HAZEL-PODS BY MR. WILLARD.

Messrs. Editors: Having just returned from a visit to my friend, Fredk. Hayden, of Topsfield, you will perhaps regret some error-sketches of his household, and some of his animals. It is the old Cromwellshire farm and mansion including some two hundred acres, capable of yielding as many tons of English

hay, beside all that's needed for pasture, tillage, and a spacious garden, with a great and choice variety of fruit trees, shrubbery, and vines, accessible by walks which have been sown with salt, so that not a weed or spire of grass impedes the pleasant rambles. It is one large swell of land. The buildings are on the eastern slope, near the greatest elevation, surrounded by many kinds of ornamental trees, among which the fir and maple are conspicuous on the avenues; apple trees by the walls inclosing and dividing this extensive and princely domain, which was built at the expense of some thousands. The land is generally rich and productive, having suffered little from the drought, so extensively and long prevalent.

It was to designate a spot where to dig for a spring of living water, that I was requested to visit his premises, that might, if possible, be brought to his barns in pipes, where his large stock is now supplied by a chain pump from a well 40 feet deep, requiring the labor of one man a great part of his time. In this I succeeded by the use of mineral rods, finding a vein of water 25 feet deep, running towards the barn, from the height of land, till within 12 feet of the surface. From this point it may be conveyed with a strong pressure to his stable, and after accommodating his large herd of swine in the barnyard under them, waste into a reservoir. I might add, several gentlemen were present during the examination, from several towns, who witnessed the operation of the rod, and the highly satisfactory results. After which I examined the grounds of another gentleman, who had thought he would spare no expense for an aqueduct, if he could bring water into his chamber. After long and carefully traversing his premises, we succeeded in finding a spring sufficiently elevated for his purpose. This took most of the day and demonstrated to the most skeptical the merits of the immense labor-saving operation, as a reliable way of ascertaining these subterranean channels, or springs of living water. In some cases, we would trace a vein by the perpendicular attraction of the rods, occasionally setting stakes, and ascertain its depth by stations on each side, where the attraction would be horizontally according to the distance from the stakes over the vein. In one case we found the attraction towards a single point, from any station within fifty feet; hence we concluded there was a boiling spring.

I was highly gratified by inspecting some fifty of Mr. Boyden's pigs, and by learning their pedigree to be unquestionable. They are pure Suffolk, from the Stickney importation. The best plates I have ever seen are a fair daguerreotype of some of his

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boars. He has one, three years old, as nearly perfect as could be desired. Most of his pigs are from this beautiful sire. I could not leave till I had selected a pair from a favorite sow, which I expect soon to receive by the cars, and feed with pleasure. He has sold some to go to Iowa. We must esteem him a "benefactor," who furnishes the sire and dam of a breed gaining two pounds of fat per day, with the same feed that would, in any other breed, gain one, no less than he who does the same in grass.

When we had taken tea, I feared we should miss the cars, as the railroad station of Beaver Brook was three miles distant. He said "No"—harnessed his stallion—19 years old—looked at his watch, said, "Time enough." True; we were there in twelve minutes, under a check rein. He showed me his young stud, "Tricolor." The next day was Cattle-Show at Lawrence, and I noticed since, in the *Massachusetts Ploughman*, "The first premium, \$20, for best stallion, 'Tricolor,' was awarded to Frederick Boyden, of Topsfield." I saw some of the stock of both his old and young horse, two year old colts, that he said could not be bought for \$200 each!

Yours truly,

BENJAMIN WILLARD.

Lancaster, Mass., Oct. 4, 1854.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 30, 1854.

☞ The last of the old stage drivers,—Mr. Isaac Pinkham,—who has for so many years kept up the reputation of the craft for fidelity and obliging attention to business, has at last surrendered, and commenced yesterday the conveyance of the mail between Salem and Haverhill, by the way of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad. He will continue as heretofore to attend to any business that may be entrusted to him.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 2, 1855.

MR. PINKHAM.—This venerable and faithful old stager, who has run a carriage between Haverhill and Salem, about 29 years, has concluded to take off his nags, and hitch himself on to cars drawn by iron horses on the Newburyport and Danvers railroad. He is a faithful, honest, and trustworthy carrier and will do errands as usual.—*Banner.*

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Salem Gazette, Jan. 2, 1855.

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Salem Gazette, Jan. 2, 1855.

DEATHS.

In Topsfield, Mr. Jacob Symonds, aged 72 years, 10 mos.—he has been a market man to Salem for the last fifty years, and was highly esteemed as an honest man and worthy citizen.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 9, 1855.

[Mail arrangements at Salem. Haverhill and Topsfield mail arrives at 12 M.; closes at 2½ P. M.]

Salem Gazette, Jan. 9, 1855.

SALEM and HAVERHILL.

MR. PINKHAM, having given up his stage line, now passes daily over the road to Haverhill, by the way of the Danvers and Georgetown Railroad, leaving Salem at half past 2 o'clock, P. M., and Haverhill, at half past 7, A. M. He will continue, as heretofore, to attend to any business that may be entrusted to him.

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The passage of the cars upon the Newburyport Railroad, which has been interrupted since the late freshet, by the destruction of the bridge over Ipswich river, in Topsfield, was regularly resumed yesterday.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 2, 1855.

DEATHS.

In Topsfield, Mr. Solomon Averill, aged 85 years, 7 months. Mrs. Rebecca Lake, aged 89 years and 6 months, the oldest person in town. She was a specimen of that class of persons who were raised at a time when the physical constitution was formed capable of endurance. She was never sick with a fever during her long life and her last illness were the four last days of her life. She had been able to move about with comparative ease and visited her friends at a distance from her home a few weeks before her death.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 6, 1855.

TOPSFIELD.

Correspondence of the Salem Gazette.

The annual Town meeting was held in Topsfield on Monday, when the following list of officers was chosen.

Moderator.—Joel Lake.

Town Clerk.—Jacob P. Towne.

DEATHS.

In Topsfield, Mr. Jacob Symonds, aged 73 years, 10 months, has been a member of the church for the last fifty years, and was highly esteemed as an honest man and worthy citizen.
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Town Clerk.—Jacob P. Towne.

Selectmen.—Andrew Gould ; S. S. Mackenzie ; B. B. Towne.

Overseers.—Andrew Gould ; E. F. Perkins ; L. H. Gould.

School Committee.—J. H. Healey ; Rev. S. G. Hyler ; Josiah Bradstreet ; Israel Ray ; Alfred P. Towne.

Assessors.—John G. Hood ; R. D. Perkins ; John Wright.

Treasurer.—Benj. Kimball.

Collector.—Samuel Adams.

Constables.—Joel Lake ; R. D. Perkins ; M. P. Towne.

By the "underground telegraph" I learn that the K. N. party met last Saturday evening, for the purpose of nominating a list to be voted for, but the "Wilson element" entering into their deliberations broke them up, without making any nomination. So that our election passed off on the old fashioned principles, and the result was that we chose a board of officers from among our best citizens, who are capable of discharging their duties. Our friends, who were so numerous last fall, have been in—"seen Sam" and find him the same old impostor that has been about for several years.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 9, 1855.

THE OSIER WILLOW. Mr. J. Lake, of the Topsfield Nursery, brought to our office, yesterday, a rod of the Osier or Basket Willow, 8½ feet in length, a specimen of thirty stocks, grown in the space of eighteen square inches of well cultivated land.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 27, 1855.

ACCIDENT IN BOXFORD.—On Monday, as Mr. Moses P. Towne of Topsfield, was tending a circular saw at Kimball & Sawyer's mill, in Boxford, his hand came in contact with it in turning carelessly round, taking off all his fingers on one hand, at the second joint. The saw was revolving at a speed of 1600 revolutions a minute.

This mill was formerly a peg factory, owned and conducted by Mr. Wm. Sawyer. A steam engine has been recently introduced into it, to aid in carrying on a new branch of business which has been substituted—that of sawing, and making boxes.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 30, 1855.

FRUIT TREES.

For sale, at the TOPSFIELD NURSERIES, the following kinds of Trees:—

29,000 Apple Trees, smooth and handsome, from \$10 to \$25 per hundred ;

500 Peach Trees ;

School Committee—Andrew Gould; S. E. Mackenzie; E. R. Towne.
 Overseers—Andrew Gould; E. F. Perkins; J. H. Gould.
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Salem Gazette, Mar. 9, 1855.

The Oak Grove Nursery, Mr. J. Lake, of the Townshipp Nursery, brought to our office yesterday, a rod of the Oak or Basket Willow, 8½ feet in length, a specimen of thirty stocks, grown in the space of eighteen square inches of well cultivated land.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 27, 1855.

Accident in Boxford.—On Monday, as Mr. Moses P. Towne of Townshipp, was tending a circular saw at Kimball & Sawyer's mill, in Boxford, his hand came in contact with it in turning carelessly round, taking off all his fingers on one hand, at the second joint. The saw was revolving at a speed of 1600 revolutions a minute.

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300 Cherry Trees ;
 1,000 Dwarf Pear Trees ;
 900 Standard Pear Trees, extra growth and beauty ;
 200 Plum Trees ;
 200 Sugar Maple.

☞ All orders, by mail or otherwise, promptly attended to.

Some of the above Trees are for sale at the store of A. Kaine,
 No. 35 Exchange street, Boston.

Topsfield, March 27, 1855.

LAKE & CO.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 30, 1855.

DEATHS.

In Dorchester on Friday evening, Hon. David Cummins, formerly of Salem, for many years a Judge of the C. C. Pleas, aged 69. Mr. C. was a native of Topsfield, Mass.; he graduated at Dartmouth College; studied law in Salem, where he established himself in the practice of law, and for many years was one of the leading members of the Essex bar, in connection with such men as Pickering and Saltonstall, and for many years probably did the most extensive law business in the county.

Salem Gazette, Apr. 3, 1855.

MAY DAY IN TOPSFIELD.

Correspondence of the Mercury.

May day was celebrated by the scholars of the Topsfield Academy, by a social gathering in the evening, at the Academy Hall; and we have seldom seen a collection of handsomer ladies or more gallant gentlemen. Everything was conducted in the most orderly manner reflecting great credit upon the managers, Messrs. G. W. Atherton and J. P. Peabody, and they have for their reward the assurance, that it was a source of unalloyed pleasure to all present. This school was never in a more prosperous condition. The number of scholars this term is 102. The Principal, Rev. J. W. Healy is a model Teacher. We wish him success. The examination is to come off on Wednesday, the 16th inst. A general invitation is given.

S. R.

Salem Gazette, May 11, 1855.

TOPSFIELD ACADEMY. We have been favored with a catalogue of this institution, which was founded in 1828, and is located in one of the pleasantest towns in Essex County. It contains the names of 77 females and 76 males, as pupils for the Academ-

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1,000 Dwarf Pear Trees;
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All orders, by mail or otherwise, promptly attended to.
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ical year 1855. The Classical Department numbers 34, and the English 150. The aggregate for the past year was 293, viz: Summer Term, 50; Fall, 69; Winter, 72; Spring, 102. The principal is Joseph W. Healy, who has a strong and numerous corps of assistant teachers.

Salem Gazette, Mar. 15, 1855.

For the Essex County Mercury.

TOPSFIELD ACADEMY.


Under the successful administration of the present Principal, Rev. J. W. Healey, this school has attained a character which deserves the most decided commendation.

The examination which came off on the 16th inst., was very pleasant and satisfactory. Music has been introduced this term as a regular exercise, under the instruction of J. P. Peabody. Some fine pieces were sung at the examination, which did them great credit. We were much pleased with the class in English Composition. This was a large class, and every question was answered correctly. This class has been under the charge of Mrs. Healey, and has evidently made much progress. The manner in which the parsing class acquitted themselves was with credit to themselves and teacher. The scholars were evidently much attached to their teacher. There was life and energy on the part of both teacher and scholars, which rendered the exercises highly interesting. The presence at the examination of a goodly number of the town was a pleasing evidence of the regard had for the principal and his labors. The summer term commences on the 23d inst.

S. R.

Topsfield, May, 1855.

Salem Gazette, May 22, 1855.

 The Salem Association of Ministers held a convention at Topsfield on Wednesday, at the Congregational Meeting House. Reports were made on the condition of the churches and on the contributions of Missions, and remarks were offered by Rev. Dr. Worcester of Salem, R. P. Waters, Esq., of Beverly, and others. A sermon was preached in the afternoon, by Rev. Mr. Allen of Marblehead.

Salem Gazette, June 22, 1855.

On Friday last, a lad named Joseph Dana Weed, while playing about a car standing at the depot, in Topsfield, accidentally fell and broke his leg. The boy is now doing well.

Salem Gazette, June 29, 1855.

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Salon Gazette, Mar. 15, 1855.

For the Essex County Mercury.
TOPSFIELD ACADEMY.

Under the successful administration of the present Principal, Rev. J. W. Healey, this school has attained a character which deserves the most decided commendation.

The examination which came off on the 15th inst., was very pleasant and satisfactory. Much has been introduced this term as a regular exercise, under the instruction of J. F. Parody. Some fine pieces were sung at the examination, which did them great credit. We were much pleased with the class in English Composition. This was a large class, and every question was answered correctly. This class has been under the charge of Mrs. Healey, and has evidently made much progress. The manner in which the passing class acquitted themselves was with credit to themselves and teacher. The scholars were evidently much attached to their teacher. There was life and energy on the part of both teacher and scholars, which rendered the exercises highly interesting. The presence at the examination of a goodly number of the town was a pleasing evidence of the regard had for the principal and his labors. The summer term commences on the 25th inst.

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Salon Gazette, June 22, 1855.

On Friday last, a lad named Joseph Dana Wood, while playing about a car standing at the depot, in Topsfield, accidentally fell and broke his leg. The boy is now doing well.

Salon Gazette, June 22, 1855.

THE WEATHER continued comfortably cool till yesterday, and on Sunday we had a very pleasant little rain, commencing at about twelve o'clock; but although the surface of the earth was moistened the *drought* is unbroken. We hear complaints of it from all parts of the county. In Topsfield it is considered to be as great as was ever known. The inlet and outlet of Hood's pond are perfectly dry,—a circumstance not remembered by "the oldest inhabitant" to have occurred before. Pasturage is short, on account of the drought, but crops are not suffering. The appearances of rot have entirely gone from the potato fields.

We are sorry to learn that the fire which was set in the swamp grounds in Topsfield, Hamilton, and Wenham, known as Bunker's Meadow, is still spreading in the dry peaty ground and among the woods in that region.

Salem Gazette, Sept. 14, 1855.

A few days ago Messrs. Francis Gould and Hiram Wells, while returning to Topsfield, in a hand car, from some repairs which they had been making on the Newburyport and Georgetown railroad, were seriously bruised by being thrown from the car. The disaster was caused by the accidental dropping of a crowbar from the front of the car, which falling in front of the wheels caused an instant stoppage of the car, causing them to be thrown violently several feet in advance. Fortunately, they both escaped broken bones.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 12, 1855.

A correspondent in Topsfield complains that some evil disposed persons have poisoned the dogs of Messrs. Pettingill, Milton, Wyatt, and others.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 16, 1855.

Hay, Oxen, Bull, Cows, Heifers, Farm tools, &c.

The subscriber, having recently purchased the Real Estate owned by ABRAHAM BALCH, in Topsfield, and the Personal Estate upon said premises, will sell at Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of November next, at 12 o'clock, M., at the aforesaid premises,—

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, to wit:

About 8 tons English Hay; 15 do. Meadow Hay; 5 do. Salt Hay; a lot of Oat Straw; a lot of Corn Stalks. Also, 2 yoke Oxen; 1 Bull; 6 cows; 5 superior Heifers; 1 Ox Wagon; 2 Carts; 2 Sleds; 1 Iron-Toothed Harrow; 1 Road Scraper or Shovel; and all the Ploughs, Yokes, Iron Bars, Chains, Forks, &c.; upon the said premises.

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—Also, at the same time,—

2 four-wheeled Chaise ; 100 to 200 bushels Potatoes ; 50 to 100 do. Corn ; and a variety of other articles.

Conditions made known at the time and place of sale.

JOHN WRIGHT.

Topsfield, Oct. 16, 1855.

Salem Gazette, Oct. 16, 1855.

For the Salem Gazette.

TOPSFIELD ACADEMY. The semi-annual examination of this Institution took place on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 19 and 20th.

We were present during the entire exercises, all of which were of a high order.

The several classes showed that they had been subject to a judicious and thorough discipline. There are several young men in this Academy, in a course of preparation for College.

The compositions and declamations were excellent. We were peculiarly interested in the spirited and elocutionary declamations of Messrs. Clark, Pierce, Gleason, Putnam and Hardy.

In the evening, the students gave a Levee, which was attended by some 200 students and invited guests.

Judging from the character of the exercises, and the vast number of citizens and other friends of the Institution, we should judge that this school had never a stronger hold upon, or better deserved the sympathy and patronage of its friends, then at present.

And we believe, under the judicious management of its popular Principal, Mr. Healey, it will, as in the past, rank among the first Academies in our States.

AN OBSERVER.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 23, 1855.

FARM for Sale.

A FARM pleasantly situated in Topsfield, on the main road leading from Salem to Boxford, about half a mile from the village and railroad depot. Said Farm consists of about seventy acres of land, suitably divided into tillage, mowing, pasture, and meadow land, and a valuable peat meadow ; a two-story house, in good repair, and a barn, 60 by 30 feet, with a cellar under a part of it ; shoemaker's shop, grainery, and other out-buildings. The Farm is fenced with a good stone wall, and contains a variety of fruit trees. There are two wells of water—one at the house, the other at the barn.

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 Conditions made known at the time and place of sale.
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TOWNSHIP ACADEMY. The semi-annual examination of this
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 of a high order. The several classes showed that they had been subject to a
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 men in this Academy, in a course of preparation for College.
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 deserved the sympathy and patronage of its friends, than at
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 first Academies in our State.

AN OBERLIN.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 28, 1855.

FARM for Sale.

A FARM pleasantly situated in Topsfield, on the main road
 leading from Salem to Haverhill, about half a mile from the vil-
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 acres of land, suitably divided into tillage, mowing, pasture, and
 meadow land, and a valuable peat meadow; a two-story house, in
 good repair, and a barn, 60 by 30 feet, with a cellar under a part
 of it; shoemaker's shop, gristmill, and other out-buildings. The
 Farm is fenced with a good stone wall, and contains a variety of
 fruit trees. There are two wells of water—one at the house, the
 other at the barn.

Said Farm will be sold on reasonable terms.
For further particulars, inquire of the subscriber, on the premises.

SILAS LAKE.

Salem Gazette, Feb. 5, 1856.

Topsfield Tax-Payers.

The following list of tax-payers in Topsfield comprises those who pay a tax of \$20 and upwards. The rate of taxation is 60 cents on \$100. The whole number of polls in the town is 321. Poll tax, \$1.50.

Benj. P. Adams	\$ 37 87
Sam'l Adams	34 33
Sophrona Averill	27 57
Mary Ames	21 19
Abraham Balch	32 56
Dudley Bradstreet	39 08
Perley Balch	29 36
David B. Balch	51 85
J. W. Batchelder	25 28
Wm. Bradstreet, Jr.	30 10
Frederick Boyden	76 34
Wm. Cummings	32 38
Humphrey Clark	27 01
Isaac J. Clapp	20 67
John Cleaveland, N. Y.	33 78
John Dwinell	35 72
Andrew Gould	24 23
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Sam'l Gould	38 51
Charles Herrick	113 00
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David Lake	21 50
John Lamson	51 68
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Moses Pettengail	44 23
Joel R. Peabody	27 19
Marcia Peabody	20 09
Asa Pingree	248 58
Estate of Jacob Perkins	21 86
Daniel Perkins	25 67
Molly Perkins	29 09
Dudley Perkins	24 97

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SILAS DARR,
Salem Gazette, Feb. 5, 1888.

Topsfield Tax-Payers.

The following list of tax-payers in Topsfield comprises those who pay a tax of \$20 and upwards. The rate of taxation is 60 cents on \$100. The whole number of polls in the town is 321. Poll tax, \$1.50.

\$ 37 87	Benj. P. Adams
34 33	Sam'l Adams
37 67	Ephraim Averill
21 19	Mary Ames
32 66	Abraham Balch
39 08	Dudley Bradstreet
39 36	Perley Balch
51 65	David B. Balch
35 38	J. W. Hatchelder
30 10	Wm. Bradstreet, Jr.
76 34	Hatchelder Boyden
33 38	Wm. Cummings
37 01	Humphrey Clark
30 67	Lease J. Clapp
33 78	John Cleveland, N. Y.
35 73	John Dwinell
34 23	Andrew Gould
30 47	J. P. Gould
38 51	Sam'l Gould
113 00	Charles Herrick
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51 68	John Lanson
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Judith Perkins	\$22 48
David Perkins	24 01
A. S. Peabody	36 69
Richard Phillips, Jr.	23 66
Israel Rea	37 53
Willard Smith	32 78
David Towne	49 72
Benj. B. Towne	33 54
Alfred P. Towne	55 72
Jacob P. Towne	44 83
Wildes C. Bartlett	27 69
Moses Wildes	200 12
Humphrey Wildes	21 50
John Wright	78 55

Salem Gazette, Mar. 7, 1856.

Guardian's Sale.

By order of Probate Court, will be sold at Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 31st day of March inst., at 1 o'clock, P. M., on the premises,

All the right and title that MARY J. TUCKER and ARTHUR R. TUCKER, minors, have in and to one undivided fourth part of all the Real Estate of which JOHN CONANT, late of Topsfield, yeoman, deceased, died seized.

Said estate consists of the Farm, containing about ninety acres of land, with a good dwelling house, barn and other buildings thereon, all in good repair. Said farm being well apportioned into tillage, pasturage, and wood land, the latter having a fine growth of oak and pine wood thereon.

Also, one undivided fourth part of about twelve acres of Pasture Land, situated in Topsfield, near the house of H. B. Perkins.

Also, one undivided fourth part of about ten acres of Meadow, and Wood Land, situated in Ipswich, near the house of Israel Wildes.

Also, the undivided fourth part of two parcels of Salt Marsh, situated in Ipswich—one containing about four acres, the other three acres.

Also, the undivided fourth part of the residue of ten acres of Wood Land, situated in Topsfield.

The sale of the several parcels of the outlands will be at the dwelling-house, after the sale of their portion of the farm.

Conditions made known at the time of sale.

RICHARD TUCKER, Guardian.

(To be continued.)

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24 01	Hamprey Wilkes
36 62	Moses Wilkes
38 00	William O. Bartlett
38 00	Isaac F. Towne
37 62	Alfred F. Towne
32 78	Benj. B. Towne
49 72	David Towne
33 54	William Smith
32 78	Isaac H. Towne
37 62	Richard Phillips, Jr.
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24 01	David Perkins
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Salem Gazette, Mar. 7, 1858.

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MARRIAGES.

1911.

May 18. { Charles H. Langhill (Fitchburg) son of Leonard and Annie
(Fogo) Langhill.
Elizabeth McFarland (Topsfield) dau. of William and Mary
(Gibson) McFarland.

June 3. { Harry W. Perkins (Topsfield) son of Julia W. and Emma F.
(Scates) Perkins.
Elsie V. Tarbox (Sharon) dau. of Horace W. and Lizzie E.
(Lane) Tarbox.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1911.

BIRTHS.

1910.

Dec. 7. Dorothy Graves, dau. of Fred C. and Jessie M. (Killam) Burnham.

1911.

- Jan. 8. ——— son of Malcom N. and Miriam (Tenney) Huse.
Jan. 29. Alexander, son of Thomas and Maria A. (Spiridiliozzi) Longo.
Feb. 3. Douglas Cameron, son of John R. and Bertha E. A. (Mellish) Mac-
Cormack.
Mar. 3. Margaret Naomi, dau. of Ottis T. and Abbie N. (Longacre) Martin.
Mar. 26. Harland E., son of Harland S. and Maude (Fuller) Pierce.
Apr. 11. Thomas E., son of Thomas A. and Annie V. (O'Donnell) Pierce.
Apr. 29. Richard Wentworth, son of Ernest H. and Marion W. (Peirce)
Pentecost.
June 2. Muriel Dorothy, dau. of Forrest W. and Alice L. (Perkins) Rust.
June 3. Ciriaco, son of Pietro A. and Emmanuella (Matteo) DeCissi.
June 11. ——— dau. of Max and Mildred (Morrill) Scovill.
July 31. Charles Carey, son of T. Jesse and Edith A. (Smith) Fuller.
Aug. 3. Margaret E., dau. of Rollin and Sadie M. (Barnes) Winters.
Aug. 7. Anne, dau. of Thomas L. and Lucy M. (Garbutt) Jenkins.
Aug. 9. Philomena, dau. of Alphonse and Grazia (Paglia) Roberto.
Aug. 13. Domenico, son of Antonio and Philomena (Santo-Nicolo) Scoozlio.
Aug. 27. ——— son of Arthur F. and Leonie A. (Cruchet) Perkins.
Sept. 8. Florence Marsh, dau. of Eugene M. and Daisy L. (Dow) Dow.
Sept. 12. Florence Maud, dau. of Harold and Maud A. (Leaper) Keyword.
Dec. 9. Annie Louise, dau. of Melvin W. and Bessie E. (Welch) Smerage.
Dec. 21. Virginia Irene, dau. of George P. and Freda M. (Welch) Parlin.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1911.

BIRTHS.

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Dec. 9.	Annie Louise, dau. of Melvin W. and Jessie E. (Welch) Somers.
Sept. 12.	Florence Maud, dau. of Harold and Maud A. (Leager) Keywood.
Sept. 8.	Florence Marsh, dau. of Eugene M. and Daisy L. (Dow) Dow.
Aug. 27.	— son of Arthur F. and Jessie A. (Crusset) Perkins.
Aug. 17.	Thomson, son of Antonio and Wilhelmina (Santo-Nicola) Scozzio.
Aug. 9.	Philomena, dau. of Alphons and Gertrude (Agila) Roberto.
Aug. 7.	Anne, dau. of Thomas E. and Lucy M. (Garbutt) Jenkins.
Aug. 3.	Margaret E., dau. of Rollin and Sadie M. (Barnes) Winters.
July 31.	Charles Carey, son of T. Jesse and Edith A. (Smith) Fuller.
June 11.	— dau. of Max and Mildred (Gentry) Scovill.
June 3.	Charles, son of Pietro A. and Emma (Malleo) Decast.
June 2.	Marcel Dorothy, dau. of Forrest W. and Alice L. (Perkins) Rust.
Apr. 29.	Richard Westworth, son of Ernest H. and Marion W. (Peirce).
Apr. 11.	Thomas E., son of Thomas A. and Annie V. (O'Donnell) Pierce.
Mar. 26.	Harold E., son of Harold S. and Mabel (Feller) Pierce.
Mar. 3.	Margaret Nelson, dau. of Otis T. and Abbie N. (Longacre) Martin.
Feb. 3.	Douglas Cameron, son of John R. and Bertha E. A. (Mellish) Mac-
Jan. 29.	Alexander, son of Thomas and Maria A. (Spindler) Torso.
Jan. 8.	— son of Malcolm M. and Miriam (Tenny) Huse.
Dec. 7.	Dorothy Graves, dau. of Fred C. and Jessie M. (Kilham) Burdham.

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1911.

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- June 3. { Harry W. Perkins (Topsfield), son of Justin W. and Emma F.
(Scates) Perkins.
Elsie V. Tarbox (Sharon), dau. of Horace W. and Lizzie E.
(Lane) Tarbox.
- June 7. { Henry B. Northey (Salem), son of William and Margaret F.
(Anthony) Northey.
Jane B. Price (Topsfield), dau. of Richard and Mary E. (Phippen)
Price.
- Aug. 9. { Russell C. Smith (Lawrence), son of William S. and Ida (Blake)
Smith.
Elizabeth M. Ferguson (Topsfield), dau. of Edward E. and Mary
(Andrews) Ferguson.
- Aug. 14. { William Scahill (Ipswich), son of Thomas and Cornelia (Senior)
Scahill.
Sadie Campbell (Ipswich), dau. of Jack and Jessie (McDonald)
Campbell.
- Aug. 19. { Manuel F. Castle (Topsfield), son of Joseph and Frances (Ter-
rera) Castle.
Josie MacDougall (Topsfield), dau. of Murdock and Anna (Mac-
Kenzie) MacDougall.
- Aug. 28. { Earl L. Brown (Topsfield), son of Clarence L. and Julia M. (Wot-
ton) Brown.
Gertrude A. Young (Topsfield), dau. of Thomas J. and Almira
A. (Bassett) Young.
- Sept. 27. { Horace E. Gibbs (Haverhill), son of Jacob S. and Roancy J.
(Rowe) Gibbs.
Lucy E. Frost (Haverhill), dau. of Leonard F. and Martha J.
(Harris) Frost.

DEATHS.

1911.

- Jan. 10. Amanda D., wife of Edwin S. Clifford and dau. of Benjamin and Hul-
da (Damon) Pike, aged 72 yrs., 2 mos., 15 days.
- Jan. 19. Hazen Rogers, Jr., son of Hazen R. and Mary E. (Deickhoff) Wildes,
aged 10 mos., 7 days.
- Feb. 24. Ann C., (Elliott) widow of Edward Heckman and dau. of Frederick
and Cathrine (Heneger) Lantz, aged 79 yrs., 1 mo., 12 days.

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June 3	Harry W. Perkins (Topsheld), son of Justin W. and Emma F. (Scates) Perkins. Elsie V. Tarbox (Sharon), dau. of Horace W. and Lizzie E. (Lane) Tarbox.
June 7	Henry H. Norbury (Salem), son of William and Margaret F. (Anthony) Norbury. Jane B. Price (Topsheld), dau. of Richard and Mary E. (Phippen) Price.
Aug. 9	Russell C. Smith (Lawrence), son of William S. and Ida (Blake) Smith. Elizabeth M. Ferguson (Topsheld), dau. of Edward E. and Mary (Andrews) Ferguson.
Aug. 14	William Scabell (Ipswich), son of Thomas and Cornelia (Senior) Scabell. Sadie Campbell (Ipswich), dau. of Jack and Jessie (McDonnell) Campbell.
Aug. 19	Manuel F. Castle (Topsheld), son of Joseph and Frances (Terre) Castle. Josie MacDonough (Topsheld), dau. of Marjock and Anna (MacNeale) MacDonough.
Aug. 28	Earl L. Brown (Topsheld), son of Clarence L. and Julia M. (Worren) Brown. Gertrude A. Young (Topsheld), dau. of Thomas J. and Almira A. (Hassett) Young.
Sept. 27	Horace E. Gibbs (Haverhill), son of Jacob E. and Rosany J. (Rowe) Gibbs. Lacy E. Frost (Haverhill), dau. of Leonard F. and Martha J. (Harris) Frost.

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Jan. 19	Harzen Rogers, Jr., son of Harzen R. and Mary E. (Delekhoff) Wilkes, aged 10 mos., 7 days.
Feb. 24	Ann C. (Elliot) widow of Edward Heckman and dau. of Frederick and Catharine (Heneget) Lane, aged 79 yrs., 1 mo., 12 days.

- Mar. 6. Ann, widow of Stephen J. Palmer and dau. of Orsamus and Eunice (Shattuck) Hodgkins, aged 84 yrs., 7 mos., 14 days.
- May 2. William G. Pray, son of Ruel B. and Caroline E. (Galloup) Pray, aged 47 yrs., 9 mos., 9 days.
- May 14. John Cotter (unknown).
- July 2. Stephen Masury Pierce, son of Thomas and Hannah (——) Pierce, aged 75 yrs., 25 days.
- July 11. Michael O'Connor, Jr., son of Michael and Margaret (Mahoney) O'Connor, aged 56 yrs., 6 mos., 15 days.
- Aug. 14. Eliza Ann, widow of Daniel Willey, and dau. of Jewett and Mary (Perkins) Pingree, aged 76 yrs., 5 mos., 8 days.
- Aug. 28. ———, son of Arthur F. and Leonie A. (Cruchet) Perkins.
- Sept. 16. ———, son of Willard and Anita (Paine) Emery.
- Oct. 26. Lucy Ann Gould, dau. of Josiah and Betsey (Gould) Gould, aged 80 yrs., 7 mos., 10 days.
- Oct. 27. William Buckner Taylor, son of ——— and Martha (Massey) Taylor, aged 71 yrs., 8 mos., 13 days.
- Nov. 4. Richard Ward, son of Alfred A. and Hannah S. (Osborne) Ward, aged 74 yrs., 3 mos., 14 days.
- Dec. 24. Abijah B. Richardson, son of Ezra and Eliza Ann (Wilkins) Richardson, aged 75 yrs., 6 mos., 17 days.
- Dec. 29. ———, son of Joseph Howard and Delia Rose (Baker) Burnett.

Deaths in other places, Interment in Topsfield.

1911.

- Feb. 23. Anne Bradstreet, died in Boston, Mass., aged 63 yrs., 11 mos.
- Feb. 25. ——— Bell, died in Georgetown, Mass.
- Mar. 20. Mary E. Wallace, died in Tuftonboro, N. H., aged 69 yrs., 4 days.
- July 1. William A. Small, died in Salem, Mass., aged 72 yrs., 9 mos., 28 days.
- July 23. Darius A. Putnam, died in Worcester, Mass., aged 82 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days.
- Oct. 31. Sarah M. Cotton, died in Danvers, Mass., aged 65 yrs., 8 days.
- Nov. 5. Waldo Dickinson, died in Wenham, Mass., aged 76 yrs., 9 mos., 10 days.
- Feb. 6, 1895. John P. Allen, died in Beverly, Mass., aged 32 yrs., 4 mos., 1 day.

Mar. 6.	Ann, widow of Stephen J. Farnham and dau. of Ostrander and Eunice (Shattuck) Hodgkins, aged 84 yrs., 7 mos., 14 days.
May 2.	William G. Fry, son of Ruel H. and Caroline E. (Galloup) Fry, aged 47 yrs., 9 mos., 9 days.
May 14.	John Cooper (unknown).
July 2.	Stephen Mervyn Pierce, son of Thomas and Hannah (—) Pierce, aged 72 yrs., 25 days.
July 11.	Michael O'Connor, Jr., son of Michael and Margaret (Mahoney) O'Connor, aged 36 yrs., 6 mos., 15 days.
Aug. 14.	Eliza Ann, widow of Daniel Willey, and dau. of Jewett and Mary (Pierkins) Pierkins, aged 70 yrs., 2 mos., 8 days.
Aug. 23.	—, son of Arthur F. and Leonie A. (Crockett) Pierkins.
Sept. 16.	—, son of William and Anna (Paine) Pierkins.
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Dec. 29.	—, son of Joseph Howard and Della Rose (Baker) Burnett.

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Feb. 25.	— Bell, died in Georgetown, Mass.
Mar. 20.	Mary E. Wallace, died in Taunton, N. H., aged 69 yrs., 4 days.
July 1.	William A. Small, died in Salem, Mass., aged 72 yrs., 9 mos., 18 days.
July 23.	Darius A. Putnam, died in Worcester, Mass., aged 82 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days.
Oct. 31.	Sarah M. Cotton, died in Danvers, Mass., aged 62 yrs., 8 days.
Nov. 2.	Waldo Dickinson, died in Wenham, Mass., aged 76 yrs., 9 mos., 10 days.
Feb. 6, 1892.	John F. Allen, died in Beverly, Mass., aged 32 yrs., 4 mos., 1 day.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN TOPSFIELD IN 1911.

- 1911.
- January. Legislative authority asked by Salem, Beverly and Peabody to take water from the Ipswich river. Much opposition from Topsfield and other towns in the river valley.
- April 24. Barn and storehouse, formerly I. M. Woodbury's piggery, off Haverhill St., belonging to Connolly Brothers, destroyed by fire.
- May 28. Mess. Glidden and Van Valkenburgh, sailing from Lowell, landed from a balloon near the Methodist Church, where they afterwards attended service, it being Sunday morning.
- June 8. Carriage house and shed of Charles F. Jordan, Main St., destroyed by fire. The Methodist Church, about 25 feet distant, much endangered.
- Sept. 19-20. Annual cattle show and fair of the Essex County Agricultural Society held on the grounds of the Society.
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BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR 1911.

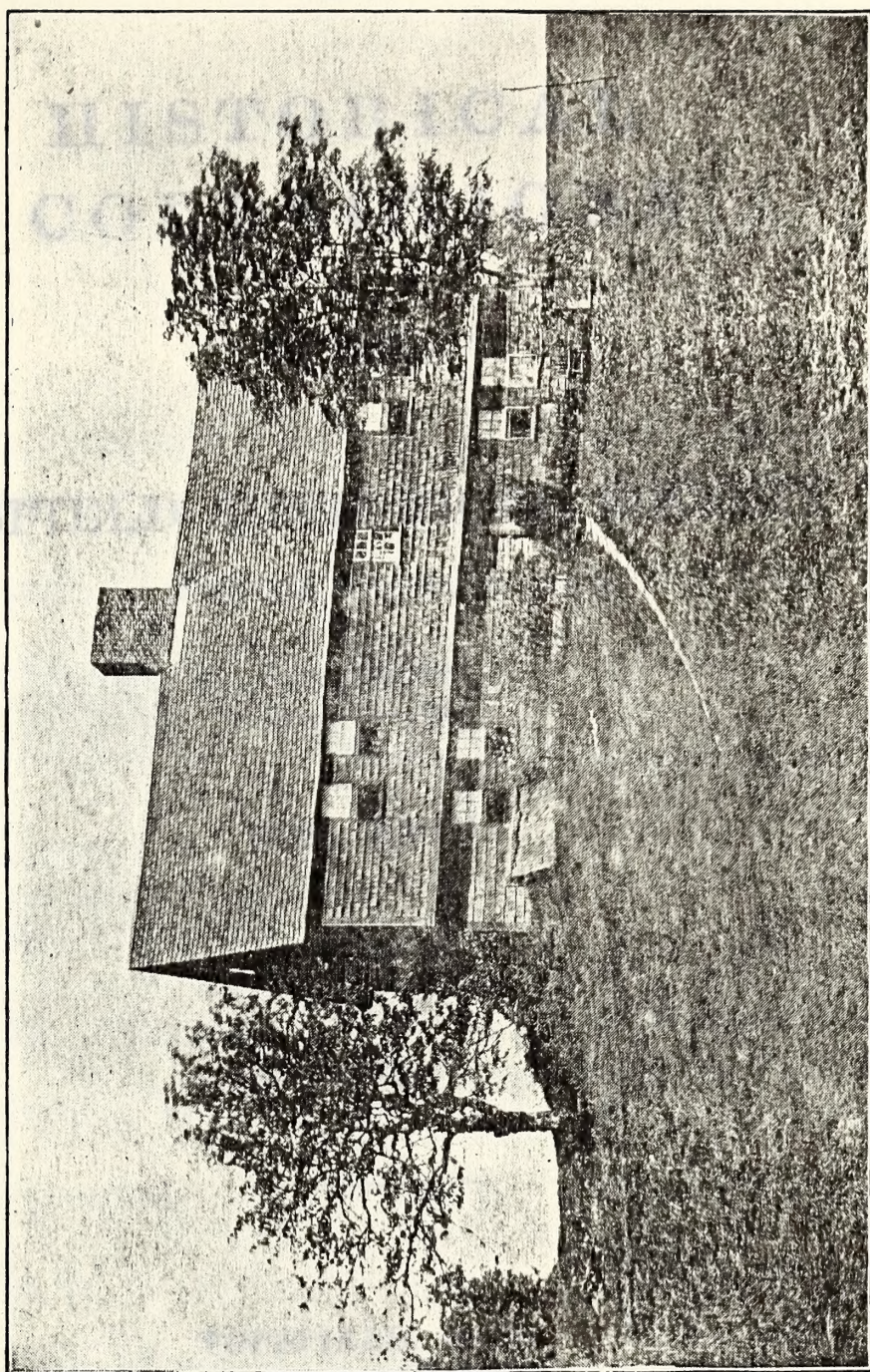
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- Albert W. Stevens, Central St.; dwelling-house.
- Everett Carr, Central St.; dwelling-house.
- Charles P. Potter, Central St.; dwelling-house.
- John L. Fiske, Washington St.; garage.
- Charles P. Poor, Main St.; garage.
- James D. Phillips, Hill St.; dwelling-house, garage and pump-house.
- James P. Hale, High St.; garage.
- Elmer B. Thomas, Ipswich St.; dwelling-house, garage and farmer's house.
- James M. Jackson, M. D., Mill St.; garage.
- Oliver Thayer, High St.; dwelling-house remodelled.
- Bradley B. Palmer, Asbury St.; Wildes barn remodelled.
- William Agge, High St.; addition to dwelling-house.
- George L. Gould, Washington St.; large enclosed piazza.
- William E. Baxter, M. D., River St.; bungalow.
- F. L. Smith, River St.; bungalow.
- T. L. Jenkins, M. D., Prospect St.; piazza.
- Ralph Perkins, High St.; dove cotes,
- Pool-Peirce barn, South Main St.; taken down.

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April 24.		Barren and storehouse formerly I. M. Woodbury's property, on Main Hill St., belonging to Connolly Brothers, destroyed by fire.
May 28.		Mess. Clincher and Van Valkenburgh sailing from Lowell, landed from a balloon near the Methodist Church, where they afterwards attended service, it being Sunday morning.
June 8.		Carriage house and shed of Charles F. Jordan, Main St., destroyed by fire. The Methodist Church, about 25 feet distant, much endangered.
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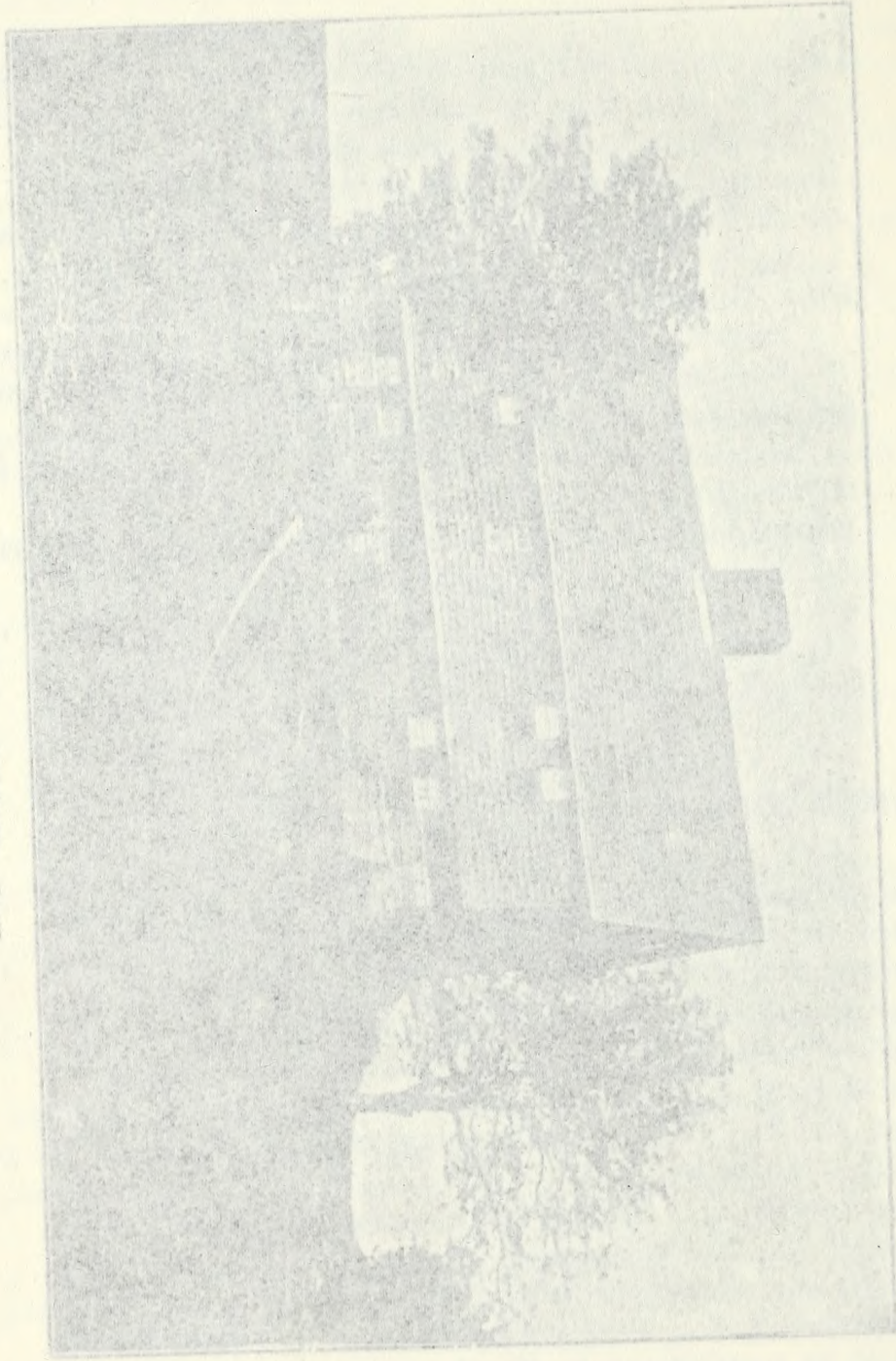
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GEORGE FRANCIS DOW.

The membership of the society on December 31, 1912, was 242. Eleven new members have been elected and five have died during the year:—Maj. L. A. Abbott of Washington, D. C., Wellington Pool of Wenham, and Mrs. Harriett Fuller, Mrs. Mary S. Perkins and Mrs. Mary L. Nichols of Topsfield. Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Fuller were charter members of the Society.

Three meetings have been held at which papers or addresses have been given by James Duncan Phillips, the President and the Secretary.

Volume 17 of the Historical Collections which was partly in type at the last annual meeting has not been completed although 142 pages have been printed. It is hoped that the printer may complete the volume before many weeks have passed. The principal contributions will be continuations of the Topsfield town records and newspaper items relating to Topsfield, the latter having been brought up to the year 1856.

The receipt in April, of 29 shares of the stock of the United Shoe Machinery Company, the bequest of the late David Cummings of Boston, places our building fund at a respectable figure and at the November meeting of the Society it was voted to offer the sum of \$1500. for the Capen

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Three meetings have been held at which papers or addresses have been given by James Duncan Phillips, the President and the Secretary.

Volume 17 of the Historical Collections which was partly in type at the last annual meeting has not been completed although 142 pages have been printed. It is hoped that the printer may complete the volume before many weeks have passed. The principal contributions will be continuations of the Topsfield town records and newspaper items relating to Topsfield, the latter having been brought up to the year 1850.

The receipt in April, of 29 shares of the stock of the United Shoe Machinery Company, the bequest of the late David Cummings of Boston, places our building fund at a respectable figure and at the November meeting of the Society it was voted to offer the sum of \$1500. for the Capen

House and one acre of land. This was done but no response has been received.

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Secretary.

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Dec. 31.	Paid on acct.		
	printing Vol. 17. Hist. Colls.	\$104 75	
"	Engraving	2 00	
"	Postage, and misc. printing.	5 80	
"	Roger P. Towne, copying Towne MSS.	11 40	\$123 95
	Balance cash on hand Dec. 31, 1912.	129 11	
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Jan. 1, 1912.	Am't. deposited in Salem Savings Bank	\$846 20	
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Joanni, Daughter of Geo Perkins baptized May 14, 1571
Anne, Daughter of Geo Perkins baptized Feb. 28, 1573
Thomas, Son of Geo. Perkins baptized Feb. 14, 1576
William, son of Geo Perkins baptized Jan. 1, 1579
Frances Daughter of Geo Perkins baptized April 23, 1583.

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William his first born the 12th of October 1639, who died the 23^d of December the same year & had been baptized by Mr Welde of Roxbury.

William Perkins the second son born Feb. 26, 1640, baptized at Roxbury, I being then in England

Elizabeth, my first daughter born at Waymouth June 18, 1643, baptized by mr Newman.

Tobijah Perkins born at Waymouth October 20th 1646, baptized by mr Thatcher, I being then the second time in England

Katharine, born at Waymouth October 29, 1648, baptized by mr. Thatcher.

Mary, born at Gloster, Febr. 17, 1651, baptized by my ministry.

John born at Topsfield, April 2^d, 1655, baptized by mr. Norton, at Ipswich, after Mr. Rogers, his death.

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 The autograph Christiana Maria. Edward
 Ibidem constant Feb 16 1828-70.

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on both sides took to wife Katherine my second daughter, the first which the merciful Providence of God, gave me opportunity to be disposed of in marriage. This marriage was accompanied with a daughter, dead born 15 months after their marriage, and with the birth of a second daughter named Elizabeth born the last of march or beginning of April Anno 1670, I being in England, and with a son named John, I being in England after their marriage

William my second son married Elizabeth Clarke daughter to Daniel Clarke of Topsfield, October 24, 1669, with consent of parents on both sides and before my return from England, was blest with a daughter named Elizabeth and, before my return the second time after their marriage with a daughter Mary and a son William at two births.

Elizabeth my eldest and first daughter was by Major Hathorn of and at Salem the last day of May, 1671, married to John Ramsdell of Lynn, with consent of parents on both sides, and had her marriage blest while I was in England with her first daughter named Elizabeth, and after my second return from thence with a second daughter named Mary born the 26th of January 1574, all which children were baptized. God grant them the baptism of his Spirit also.

Mr Oliver Purchis, September 17, anno 1672 married Mary Perkins my third daughter, the Lord in mercy favour it with his blessing.

Mr John Bradstreet, June 11, 1677 married Sarah Perkins my fourth daughter with the free consent and appointment of his father Symond Bradstreet Esq. by the ministry of his uncle Major General Dennison.

Thomas Fiske, son to Capt. Fiske of Wenham, married Rebeckah Perkins, my fifth and youngest daughter the 3^d of November 1678 The Lord bless it to us all.

Tobijah Perkins, my second son took to wife Sarah Dennison, the 4th of November 1680, with the consent of both their parents at Major General Dennison's house. The Lord build them up and provide for the two younger sons also.

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HUMPHREY BEANE OF LONDON TO HIS BROTHER IN
LAW DANIEL CLARKE IN TOPSFIELD
IN NEW ENGLAND.

London the 27 Ap^l 1670 "

Brother & Sister Clarke

this cometh by the hand of Mr Will^m Perkins your neighbour, which I hope will find you with your little ones in health. I send you over [by] John Peirce, five pieces of good Red pennistone and [a] kittle and a barrel of good fine powder, with some other necessarys, the God who sending them to you, I hope will also convey them safe to you. As to your children craveing from beyond your will, I am not therein pleased, but would have them all submit to their parents with all due obedience and would have you so Govern yourself as to be Father over them all in Righteousness. I keep your Son Samuel at school, and Doubt not but he will be a good schollar. I have made provission after my Decease, for you and all yours in New England, and particularly for my nephew Samuel. so living or Dieing you shall as have found me your affectionate Brother.

Humphry Beane

Copied off by Samuel Clarke for his
Friend Mr Jacob Towne Jun^r of
Topsfield. AD. March 31, 1721.

CONTRACT TO BUILD A HOUSE FOR WILLIAM PERKINS.

Theafe preasents witneseth y^t J Joseph Hale of Newbury in y^e County of Efex in New England doe bind my self my Heyers Executors or Administrators, to Heugh frame and feat up, and doe all y^e Carpenters woorke of a House of : 25 : foot Long and : 20 : foot wide and 14 foot ftud, for william Pearkins of Topsfield in y^e above sd County at or be fore y^e first of march next Infueing y^e date heare of y^e woork is to be compleatly finished, & y^e above sd william Pearkins doe like so In gage my self my heyers or Executors, to provid for y^e above sd Joseph hale meat drink and Lodging all y^e time y^t y^e above sd woork

HUMPHREY BEANE OF LONDON TO HIS BROTHER IN
LAW DANIEL CLARKE IN TOWNSHIELD
IN NEW ENGLAND.

London the 27 Ap^r 1870

Brother & Sister Clarke

this cometh by the hand of Mr. Will^m Perkins your
neighbor, which I hope will find you with your little
ones in health. I send you ever [by] John Fairs, five
pieces of good Red penmanship and [a] little and a barrel
of good fine powder, with some other necessaries, the God
who sending them to you, I hope will also convey them
safe to you. As to your children traveling from beyond
your will, I am not therein pleased, but would have them
all submit to their parents with all due obedience and
would have you so Govern yourself as to be Father over
them all in Righteousness. I keep your Son Samuel at
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yours in New England, and particularly for my nephew
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CONTRACT TO BUILD A HOUSE FOR WILLIAM PERKINS.

These presents witnesseth y^e Joseph Hale of New-
bury in y^e County of Essex in New England doe bind my
self my Heirs Executors or Administrators, to Henr^y
Trime and test up, and doe all y^e Carpenters worke of a
House of : 25 : foot long and : 20 : foot wide and 14 foot
high, for William Perkins of Topsfield in y^e above sd
County at or before y^e first of march next ensuing y^e
date here of y^e work is to be completely finished, & y^e
above sd William Perkins doe like so in gave my self my
heirs or Executors, to provide for y^e above sd Joseph Hale
meat drink and lodging all y^e time y^e above sd work

is doing, and Likewise to bring all y^e Tymber into Place
y^t is needfull for y^e building and to provide futch as thall
be futable for y^e fame, and Likewise to provide Boards
shingles and nailes futable for y^e woorke, In Confideration
of Twenty feaven Poundes web y^e above sd william pear-
eins have Given bill for y^e payment of, and to y^e suere
performance of what is above written I the above sd
Joseph Hale doe feat to my hand and feale this : 16 : of
march : 1691 The poasts are to be split and studs and
Joyst sawd

Sealed and delivered in y^e
preasents of : witneses
John How
Philip Goodridge

William Perkins [seal]
Joseph Hale

CAPT. JOHN GOULD, ET AL., TO LIEUT. ANTHONY
BRACKET.

Topsfield, th₂₉ october 1695

Lieut Anthony Brackat

Sir after our Respects prsented to y^e this is to Informe
y^e how it has fell out that John perkins has staid longer
then y^e time y^e did apoint him, his father is very elle and
lyse at y^e piont of death, and I did tell him I did beleve
y^e were so much of a Ingenas man that in such a case
y^e would not take noe advantige of him nor take noe for-
fite of him in such a case as this is, and I did pefwaid him
to stay a day or two longer and did pefume to say I would
itand and have him have Lese as y^e provedance of God
was in residing of his father. I pray blame him not but
impute it to y^r firind and fervant who will pay y^e and if
y^e see good to aske any thing when I speeke with y^e fir
the humbell petition of your frinds the Commitee of ma-
litia of Topsfeild is that y^e would be plased to give John
perkinns firtifackat how long he has served under y^r Com-
mand and lett him retorne againe forth with and next
Monday theire is one lustey man apionted to come and
serve in his rome he has a famely and can not at prsent
leave his faimeley fir I pray grant our request if his
father did not lye evene at y^e piont of death we should
not a requested such athing, fir wee were not wiling to
detaine him any longer thoe y^e case is verrey hard for him

is doing, and I likewise to bring all y^r Timber into Place
y^r is needful for y^r building and to provide such as shall
be suitable for y^r frame, and likewise to provide Boards
shingles and nails suitable for y^r work, in Consideration
of Twenty seven Pounds with y^r above 15 William per-
sons have Given bill for y^r payment of, and to y^r aware
performance of what is above written I the above 15
Joseph Hale doe test to my hand and seal this 15th of
March: 1681 The points are to be split and firs and

Joat sawd

Sealed and delivered in y^r

presence of: witnesses

John How

Philip Goodridge

William Perkins [seal]
Joseph Hale

CART. JOHN GOULD, ET AL., TO LIEUT. ANTHONY
BRACKET.

Topsfield, 22 October 1685

Lieut Anthony Bracket

Sir after our Requests presented to y^r this is to Informe
y^r how it has fell out that John Perkins has said longer
then y^r time y^e did appoint him, his father is very elle and
y^e at y^e point of death, and I did tell him I did believe
y^e were to much of a Ingenue man that in such a case
y^e would not take no advantage of him nor take no for-
fite of him in such a case as this is, and I did persuade him
to stay a day or two longer and did promise to say I would
stand and have him have less as y^e providance of God
was in residing of his father. I pray blame him not but
impute it to y^e kind and servant who will say y^e and if
y^e see good to take any thing when I speake with y^e fir
the humbell petition of your friends the Committee of ma-
hins of Topsfield is that y^e would be pleased to give John
Perkins first what how long he has served under y^e Com-
mand and lett him returne againe forth with and next
Monday there is one hasty man appointed to come and
serve in his room he has a family and can not be present
leave his family for I pray grant our request if his
father did not y^e even at y^e point of death we should
not a requested such thing, he was not willing to
detaine him any longer then y^e case is very hard for him

to Come not knowing when he will see his father alive againe, so not troubling y^e any fferder at pefent putting Confidance in y^e that y^e will not denie our request as y^e Cafe is ever rest and remaine y^r ever oblided ffrinds & farvants.

John Gould Cap^t
Thomas Baker Leut
Ephraim Dorman En^s

THOMAS AVERILL TO RICHARD CARR.

from Nechewarnick october y^e 17—1695

fir pray Deliver to y^e barrer hereof John pirkins by name some money for I have hurt one of my legs very badly and I being from home do want some money to pay for y^e Cuer of my leg. In fo doing I f hall Rest yours to ferve In what I may

To Mr Richard Carr

Thomas Averill

Liveing in falfbury

Deliver with speed

AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOSIAH GOODRIDGE AND
JOHN PERKINS.

This may Satisfy whome it may Concarne Articalls of A gremant be twene Josiah Gutredg one the one part and m^r John perkins one the other part: viz the said Gutredg doth ingage to go to the eastward and to Relac the said perkinsis brother—wilyam perkins: and to enter in his Room for thre months: and at the end of three months the said John perkins doth ingage to releas the said Gutredg one the panelty of twalve pane a day: and the said John perkins doth ingage to paye to the said Gutredg at the end of thre months twanty five fhilens A month for all the thre months and the said perkins is to have the Cuntry wages: and no advantidg is to be tacen for the failuer of a Relac for too or thre dais the pay is to be in cloth at mony pric: and the twalve pane a day befide Cuntry wages after the thre months is out.

Dat y^e 7th of January 1696/7

Witnesis

John How

Thomas Parley secunde

John Perkins

Josiah Goodridge

to Come not knowing when he will see his father alive
again, so not troubling y^e any further at present putting
Confidence in y^e that y^e will not deny our request as y^e
Oath is ever rest and remains y^e ever obliged friends &
servants.

John Gould Cap^t
Thomas Baker Gent
Ephraim Dorman Esq^r

THOMAS AVERILL TO RICHARD CARR.

from Newbern 10th October y^e 17—1885
Sir pray Deliver to y^e carrier betwix John Perkins by
name some money for I have hurt one of my legs very
badly and I being from home do want some money to pay
for y^e Cost of my leg. In doing I shall thank yours to
serve in what I may
To Mr Richard Carr

Thomas Averill

Living in Salisbury
Deliver with speed

AGREEMENT BETWEEN JOSEPH GOODRIDGE AND
JOHN PERKINS.

This may satisfy whom it may Concerne Articles of
Agreement be twix Joseph Goodridge one the one part and
Mr John Perkins one the other part: viz the said Gutridge
doth engage to go to the eastward and to Relace the said
Perkins brother—William Perkins; and to enter in his
Room for three months; and at the end of three months
the said John Perkins doth engage to release the said Gut-
ridge one the penalty of twelve pence a day; and the said
John Perkins doth engage to pay to the said Gutridge at
the end of three months twenty five Shillings A month for
all the three months and the said Perkins is to have the
County wages; and no advantage is to be taken for the
failure of a Release for too or three days the pay is to be in
cloth at money price; and the twelve pence a day beside
County wages after the three months is out.

Dat y^e 7th of January 1885

John Perkins
Joseph Goodridge

Witness
John How
Thomas Parley seconds

HANNAH PERKINS TO MISS MOLLY PERKINS.

Loving Coufin I take this time to write a few words to you to let you know that I am well both in body and mind, and I hope these few unworthy lines will find you well also, I have got some good news to write to you, for it has pleased God to give me a good hope through grace and not me only but many others in these parts and we hear from many other places that religion spreads we heard from Chelsea about three weeks ago and there was a reformation there Coufin Huldah and one of her daughters about eleven years old were converted and I hope to hear that there is a reformation in the parts where you live. We read in the Scripture that the hour Cometh and now is that the dead shall hear the voyce of the son of god and they that hear shall live. I want to see you more than ever I did since I heard that you have known the resurrection power of Jesus in your soul. We live very happy lately for all denominations here meet together two or three times a week to worship God. May the God of peace rule in your heart and lead you into all truth is the sincere desire of your friend and well wifher

Hannah Perkins

Unity, March the 17th 1799.

N. B. Write to me as often as you have an opportunity.

[To] Miss Molly Perkins, Topsfield.

march 15 th 1730 or 31 Jacob Robinson D ^r	
to boarding 2 Carpenters Robard Bradford &	
John Curtis five weeks & two Days at	
8 ^s per week	02—02— 8
May 10 to 50 pounds of veal at five pence	
per pound	01—00—10
to 28 pounds of pork at 10 ^d per pound	01—03— 4
to 11 pounds of pork at 12 ^d per pound	00—11— 0
to 12 pounds of butter at 11 ^d per pound	00—14—00
to 1 bushel of beans at 6—6 ^d per bus ^l	00—06— 6
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	05—18— 4

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 to you to let you know that I am well both in body and
 mind, and I hope these few unworthy lines will find you
 well also. I have got some good news to write to you, for
 it has pleased God to give me a good hope through grace
 and not me only but many others in these parts and we
 hear from many other places that religion spreads we
 heard from Chelsea about three weeks ago and there was
 a reformation there Cousin Hilda and one of her
 daughters about eleven years old were converted and I
 hope to hear that there is a reformation in the parts where
 you live. We read in the Scripture that the poor Comfort
 and now is that the dead shall hear the voice of the son
 of God and they that hear shall live. I want to see you
 more than ever I did since I heard that you have known
 the resurrection power of Jesus in your soul. We live
 very happy lately for all denominations here meet together
 two or three times a week to worship God. May the God
 of peace rule in your heart and lead you into all truth is
 the sincere desire of your friend and well wisher

Hannah Perkins

Unity, March the 17th 1799.

N. B. Write to me as often as you have an opportunity.

[To] Miss Molly Perkins, Topsfield.

March 16th 1799 or 31 Jacob Robinson Dr
 to boarding 3 Carpenters Robert Bradford &
 John Curtis five weeks & two days at
 8^{rs} per week 02—02—8
 May 10 to 50 pounds of veal at five pence
 per pound 01—00—10
 to 28 pounds of pork at 10^{rs} per pound 01—03—4
 to 11 pounds of pork at 12^{rs} per pound 00—11—0
 to 12 pounds of butter at 11^{rs} per pound 00—14—00
 to 1 bushel of beans at 6—6^{rs} per bush 00—00—6
 05—18—4

MILITARY COMMISSIONS TO BENJAMIN TOWNE.

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Dated March 24, 1751.

THOMAS ROBINSON TO JACOB TOWNE.

Coalrain March ye 30 1749

Mr Jacob Towne Sir my Sarvice to you Hopeing you are well as I am my Self I Had News that Samuel Curtis is Come Down to be publifhed and if he is I Wode Have you Send me word as Soon as you can if He is Down or if He ante Send me Word Whot He Seafe about you no What So no more at present but I remain your Humble Sarvant to Same

Thomas Robinfon

To Mr Jacob Towne at Topsfield with Care

MILITARY FORMATION IN 1752.

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Rear half file face to the Right about and March 6

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makes y^e 3

Ranks to the Right Double fils to the Right Double
makes the 4

front half fils Counter march on the ground you stand
and Double your Rear In tiar and you are Reduced

Ranks to the Right Double fils to the Right Double
makes the 2 men file Leaders

Rear half fils face to the Right about march 6 paces
and Countermarch and double your front In tiar

Wheel front and Rear in to the midst
then wheal the right and Left flank in to the midst
half Rank of the Right flank Double your Left flank
in tiar

then front half fils Double your rear in Tiar

Half rank of the Left flank Double your Right flank

Rear half fils face To the Right about & march fix
paces and Countermarch and Double your front to the
Right of your file Leaders

Every other file begining with the Right hand file ad-
vance your armes and march 6 paces and Countermarch
and Double your Reear In tiar

then Every other Rank from the front Double your
Left flank In tiar

then wheel front and Rear in to the midst.

Benjamin Towne.

Topsfield, May the 20 Day, 1752

THOMAS PERKINS TO JACOB PERKINS.

Arundel Novem^r 10th 1753.

Brother I have waited a great while for you to make
up betwen us and you have not done it, and I now send
to you once more and I entreet you as a Brother & frind
to your self to send Somebody to do it betwen this and
the first of Dec^r next or I will send a writ to you with out
fail. I wrote to you laft I wold take anything for what
was due but never heard a word from you, I am veary
sorrey you put me and your self to trouble, but it is your
own folt, and I do defier the wellfare of you & youres as

paces and Counter march and Double your front in tier
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 sorry you put me and your self to trouble, but it is your
 own fault and I do desire the welfare of you & yours as

well as I do my owne. I hope you are all well. Dont fail of sending Down to me, my love to you and yours & to all frinds.

Thomas Perkins.

[To] Jacob Perkins.

COL. THOMAS BERRY TO CAPT. BENJ. TOWNE.

Sir

I wrote a Month agoe about the Militia of your Renewing your Commisfion, which you have not been pleased to take Notice of, which I must Look upon as a great Contempt, and an abuse of the Favour of Respect which has been Shown you

By your Friend

Tho^s Berry

Ipswich April 2^d 1754

To Capⁿ Benj^a Town

In Topsfeild.

JOSEPH PERKINS TO JACOB PERKINS.

honred father and mother my Duty To you and Love to my Brothers and Sisters hoping that these few Lins will find you in good health as they Leave me Blessed be God for the Same our frinds are all Well at Present we are at hadlye at Present and Expect to goe from here in a little Time. Remember me to all That ask after me so I ad no more at Present But Desier your Prayers To God for me so I Remain your Dutfly son Tell Dath

Joseph Perkins

Hadlye the 1 Day 1758

To Mr Jacob Perkins

In Topsfield with Care and Speed

EPHRAIM TOWNE TO JACOB TOWNE.

Danvarse August y^e 3^d 1758

To you my Loving Brother I send these few Loins to you Hoping that they will find you in good Health as they left me and mine Thro the goodnefs of God and Having an oppertunity to sen these Loines to you I gladly im-

well as I do my own. I hope you are all well. Don't fail
of sending down to me, my love to you and yours & to
all friends.

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By your Friend

The, Barry

Ipswich April 2^d 1764

To Cap^t Barry Town
In Topsfield

Joseph Perkins to Jacob Perkins.

honour'd father and mother my Duty To you and Love
to my Brothers and Sisters hoping that these few Lines
will find you in good health as they leave me Blessed be
God for the same our friends are all Well at Present we
are at hadye at Present and Expect to goe from here in
a little Time. Remember me to all that ask after me so
I had no more at Present But Desier your Prayers To God
for me so I Remain your Dutty son Tell Dath
Joseph Perkins

Hadye the 1 Day 1768

To Mr. Jacob Perkins

In Topsfield with Care and Speed

Benjamin Towne to Jacob Towne.

Danvers August 7th 1768

To you my Loving Brother I send these few Lines to
you Hoping that they will find you in good Health as they
left me and mine Thro the goodness of God and Having
an opportunity to see these Lines to you I gladly im-

braft it. hoping you will do the same and to inform you that i have nothing Remarkable to send to you but To inform you that your Friends are in good health and that it is a general time of Health amongst us and I Do Lament the Lementtable Defeat that I Hear that our army met with of Lait Hopin that god will yet Smile upon our New England forefes and blefs and Prosper them in all their Lawful undertaking and to you my Loving Brother I send Counfeling you to put your trust and Confidence In that god which is able and willing to save all those that put Their trust in him and I will yet Continue my earnest prayors to god For your and the Rest of my Brothers safe Return in Gods time, and I would Desire to be Remembered to the Rest of my Brothers and your Sister Sarah my wife also Defires be Remembered to you and the Rest of her Brothers and to inform you that our Sister is Removed from Fathers into andover and so no more at present but to Subscribe myself your Loving Brother

Ephraim Towne

To Mr Jacob Towne att Fort Edward In Cap Israel
Daveses Company at the west ward Deliver this
with Care

[Written on the corner of the sheet] and I the subscriber also Do Desire to be Remembered to you and to the Rest of my friends and in Peticaler to Cap Ifrael Herick if you can find out who I Bee

JACOB TOWNE'S DISCHARGE.

By Order of Col^l Jn^o Bradstreet D. Q. M. G.

I do hereby Discharge Jacob Town from Cap Davis's Com^p of Battoemen he being not fitt for Service given Under my Hand Octob^r 27, 1758

Dan^l D'Normandie

JACOB TOWNE TO CAPT. BENJAMIN TOWNE.

Ever Honoured father and Mother our Duty to you and Love to all our brothers and fisters Hoping that these fue Lynds will find you in good Health as thay Leav us in blefsed be God for it brother Ezra hath ben sick

brother I send Consoling you to put your trust and Confidence in that God which is able and willing to save all those that put their trust in him and I will yet continue my earnest prayers to God for you and the Rest of my Brothers safe Return in Gods time, and I would Desire to be Remembered to the Rest of my Brothers and your Sister Sarah my wife also Desire to be Remembered to you and the Rest of her Brothers and to inform you that our Sister is removed from Father into another and so no more at present but to Subscribe myself your loving Brother

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Dana D'Nevers

JACOB TOWNE TO CAPT. BENJAMIN TOWNE

Ever Honoured Father and Mother our Duty to you and Love to all our brothers and Sisters Hoping that those few Lines will find you in good Health as they I am as in blessed be God for it brother Ezra hath been sick

with the throat Distemper and He is got something betor and Doctor said that the best thing that Can be Don for Him is for sum of His frinds to Com and bring Him Home for if He should Citch Cold He might not ever Return Home and He Desired sum of His brothers to Come and bring Him Home. I supose that He will be on the Road a Coming Home as fast as He Can and I Hope that we shall not tarrey Heare above fourteen or fifteen Days Longer The Men of Topsfield that are in our Company are well. Jabeſh Towne is Dead and Dudley perkins. We Desire to be Remembered to all our frinds so no more att present but we Remain your Dutifull sons untill Dearth

Lake george october the 10 AD 1758

Edmond and I Remember

Jacob Towne

our Love to Debbe

Edmond Towne

To Captin Benjamin Towne Living in Topsfield

Delivor with Care and Speed

BENJAMIN TOWNE TO JACOB TOWNE.

Ever Loving Brother after my Love to you hop^{ing} These fue Lines will find you in good helth I have had a Long Spell of weekness this Spring I was not able to do any work for seven week but throw the Goodness of God I am got beter my famely have been very pour this spring you sent me a leter in which you tould me that you had taken up the bond at Mr peals and say he demands twelve on the hundred send me word whether you pay so much and I would pray you to sever me from that note and you will oblige me. Give my Duty to father and mother and Love to all my Brothers Aand Sisters

So no more at present but I Remain your Loving Brother until Dearth

May y^d 29 ad 1759

Benj^a Towne

Sturbridge

The note is one pound eleven shilens & fouer pence Due you tender him the money and demand the note before witnesses or do that which father shall think best. I would have you come up this fall.

[To] Mr Jacob Towne Topsfield.

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and Doctor said that the best thing that can be done for
him is for him of his friends to come and bring him home
for if he should catch cold he might not ever return
home and the Doctor said of his brothers to come and
bring him home. I suppose that he will be on the road
a coming home as fast as he can and I hope that we
shall not tarry here above fourteen or fifteen days
longer. The Men of Topsfield that are in our Company
are well. Jacob Towne is Dead and Dudley Perkins.
We Desire to be remembered to all our friends in no more
at present but we remain your Dutiful sons until
Death

Lake George October the 30 AD 1758

Edmond and I Remember
our Love to Dads
To Captain Benjamin Towne Living in Topsfield
Deliver with Care and Speed

BENJAMIN TOWNE TO JACOB TOWNE

Ever Loving Brother after my Love to you hope
these few lines will find you in good health. I have had a
long spell of weakness this Spring I was not able to do
any work for seven week but now the Goodness of God
I am got better my family have been very poor this spring
you sent me a letter in which you told me that you had
taken up the bond at Mr. Perla and say he demands twelve
on the hundred send me word whether you pay so much
and I would pay you to sever me from that note and you
will oblige me. Give my Duty to father and mother and
Love to all my Brothers and Sisters
So no more at present but I remain your Loving
Brother until Death

May 7th 23 AD 1753

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Do you tender him the money and demand the note be-
fore witnesses or do that which father I think best. I
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[To] Mr Jacob Towne Topsfield.

JOSEPH CUMMINGS TO MRS. HANNAH PERKINS.

Honoured Mother these few lines are to Let you Know that we are all a little about house at present Blessed be God for it and we hope to hear that you and all our frinds are well and we give our Duty to you and our Love to all our Brothers and sisters and our Love to Andrew and Joseph Remembers his Love to andrew and Mehetibel Remembers her Love to Andrew and I take this opportunity to let you know that I want to know whether you Intends to send your son Abel up to live with me for if you do I should be glad to know it as quick as Conveantly I can and I will do by him as we tolked of when I saw you our Jacob hath got a sore head and your Daughter is of the mind that he wantes sum small cordil of his gramme before it will git well and if you will be pleasd to send sum present your Daughter will take it very thankful at your hands and so shall I and we would inform our sister Lydia Chapman that we Received her Letter by the hand of Mr Richard Cree and if she sends us any other Letter we would have her git sum Comon Riter to Rite it for we are not skild in such high flown Riting and we would Informe you that it is a time of helth amongst us at present and if sisters Chapman or Luse will come up and stay with us a little while and cannot git them a horse to Ride up on I will send down one for them if they will send word by the Barer hereof so no moor at present but we Remain your Dutiful Children until Death part us

Dated at Douglass December y^e 7th 1761

Joseph Cummings
Abigail Cummings

for Mrs Hannah perkins
Living in Topsfield

JOSEPH CUMMINGS TO WIDOW LYDIA CHAPMAN.

Dear Sister

With an Effictionent Love Still Remaining in us Toards you Causes us to Right to you hoping these Lines will find you in health as they Leave us and our famely through

JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM TO MRS. HANNAH PERKINS.

Honoured Mother these few lines are to let you know that we are all a little about house at present. Blessed be God for it and we hope to hear that you and all our friends are well and we give our Duty to you and our Love to all our Brothers and Sisters and our Love to Andrew and Joseph. Remembers his Love to Andrew and Michael. Remembers her Love to Andrew and I take this opportunity to let you know that I want to know whether you intend to send your son Abel up to live with me for if you do I should be glad to know it as quick as convenient. I can and I will be by him as we talked of when I saw you. Our Jacob hath got a sore head and your Daughter is of the mind that he wants some small cord of his graine before it will git well and if you will be pleased to send some present your Daughter will take it very thankful at your hands and so shall I and we would inform our sister Lydia Chapman that we Received her Letter by the hand of Mr. Richard Oree and if she sends us any other Letter we would have her git some Common Riter to Rite it for we are not skild in such high flowen Riting and we would inform you that it is a time of health amongst us at present and if sister Chapman or Iuss will come up and stay with us a little while and cannot git them a horse to Ride up on I will send down one for them if they will send word by the Bearer horse so no more at present but we Remains your Dutiful Children until Death

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Dated at Doolittle December 7th 1781Joseph Cummings
Abigail Cummingsfor Mrs Hannah Perkins
Living in Topsfield

JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM TO WIDOW LYDIA CHAPMAN.

Dear Sister

With an Affectionate Love Still Remaining in us Towards you Cares us to Right to you hoping these lines will find you in health as they leave us and our family through

the Procetⁿ of Divine Providence I Depend upon your Coming up to See us the Latter End of Sep^t or the Begine:g of Oct. at furtheft: we got home Verey well the 2^d Day we Came away from Topsfield give my Duty to Mother and my Love in Pertickerly to andrew and to all my Brothers and Sisters We Recd the Letter that Joseph sent us Sep^t the 15th Baring Date Aug^t the 30th which we are obliged to him for Righting: and time and Paper Being So verey Sekars obliges us to omitt Send him an Answer at this time.

Joseph Cummings
Abigal Cummings

Douglass, Sep^t the 15th 1762

P. S. Mehetabel Remembers her Love to Andrew
[To] the Widow Lydia
Chapman in Topsfield

PROVERBS COPIED FROM THE BACK OF A SHIP'S
MANIFEST.

Inwards
Port of Salem
New-England

} In the Brigantine Epes, Plant^a built,
registered at Boston 30 July 1765,
Property all British, about 95
tons burthen, no guns, navigated
with 3 Men, all Britifh, besides
James Babson Master for this pres-
ent Voyage from S^t Eustatia &
Turks island.

Custom-House, 15 Day of April, 1766

James Babson

Sworn before

John Fisher
Coll^r

As you brew so shall you bake
A burnt child dreads the fire
A cat may look upon a king
A fools bolt is soon shot
All goes down gutter lane
As wise as a man of Gotham

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 gining of Oct. at furthest: we got home Verrey well the
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 Mother and my Love in Particular to Andrew and to all
 my Brothers and Sisters We Recd the Letter that Joseph
 sent us Sep, the 15th having Date Aug, the 30th which we
 are obliged to him for Righting: and time and Paper be-
 ing so verrey Scarce obliges us to omit Send him an
 Answer at this time.

Joseph Cummings
 Abigail Cummings

Douglas, Sep, the 15th 1763
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 Chapman in Topsfield

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 Property all British, about 36
 tons burthen, no guns, navigated
 with 8 Men, all British, besides
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Custom-House, 15 Day of April, 1766
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All is well that ends well
A rolling stone gathers no moss
An old dog will learn no tricks
After sweet meat comes sour sauce
A lark is better than a kite
As good as George of Green*
Better pay at small game than stand
Brag is a good dog, but hold fast is a better
Birds of a feather flock together
Charity begins at home
Cut your coat according to the cloth
Cursed cows have short horns
Every bean has its black
Every man thinks his geese swans
Fat paunches make lean pates
Fast bind, fast find
Faint heart never won fair lady
Give him a Roland for his Oliver
Give a man luck and throw him into the sea.
Good wine needs no bush.
He who has a mind to beat a dog, will easily find a stick.
He that reckons without his host must reckon again
He steals a goose and gives a gibbet in alms.
He looks one way and rows another.
He makes a rod for his own breech
Haste makes waste.
He sets the fox to keep his geese.
He that would live at peace & rest, must hear & see &
say the best.
Hungry dogs will eat dirty pudding.
Hunger's the best Sauce
Harm watch, harm catch.
It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.
It is good to make hay while the sun shines.
If you trust before you try, you may repent before you
die.
It is a good horse that never stumbles.
Its neither rhyme nor reason.

*This George of Green was that famous diver of Wakefield who fought with Robin Hood and little John and got the better of both of them, as the old ballad tells us.

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 Robin Hood and Little John and got the better of both of them, as the old ballad
 tells us.

I talk of chalk and you of cheese
Jack will never make a gentleman
Little pitchers have big ears
Like father, like son
Much falls between the cup & the lip
Many hands make light work
Money makes the mare go
Many talk of Robin Hood who never shot his bow
Many words will not fill a bushel
Nothing venture nothing have
Need makes the old wife trot
No longer pipe, no longer dance
Near is my shirt but nearer my skin
One bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
Out of the frying pan into the fire
One scabbed sheep mars the whole flock.
One man had better steal a horse, than another to look
 over the hedge.
One swallow does not make summer.
One good turn deserves another
Penny wise and pound foolish
Reckon not your chickens before they are hatched
Robin Hood's pennyworth, lightly come, lightly go.
Sue a beggar and catch a louse.
Save a thief from hanging & he will cut your throat.
'Tis too late to spare when all is spent
The more haste the worse speed
To cut large thongs out of another man's leather
Too much of one thing is good for nothing
The 'Tracey's have always the wind in their faces
The younger brother the better gentleman.
Tread on a worm & it will turn
The receiver is as bad as the thief.
Virtue which parleys is near a surrender.
Well begun is half ended
When vice goes before vengeance follows after
When the stud's stolen shut the stable door
What can we have of a cat but the skin?
What is bred in the bone will never be out of the flesh.

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 Jack will never make a gentleman
 I talk of chalk and you of cheese

Toppsfield october the 8 A.D. 1766 these may Certifie
all persons whome it may Concern that Jacob Towne hath
paid sufficient beveridge for making a Lite blue Coat and
Jackit Lind with tamme stuf and blue Horn buttons
which he nows wars as witness my Hand

Joseph Hobbs

RICHARD KIMBALL TO JOSEPH KIMBALL.

Cousin Jacob Kimball After due fervis to you & yours
I would Inform you that I am under very poor furcum-
stances on account of my helth for ten Days past I have
not had but Little rest night nor day that which I Labour
under is Called Rumitics I am Seasd in my hip & thy
& nie Leg & ancle y^e greatese pain is in hip & ancle Sr
I Have heard that m^r Jacob Town that Lives near you
has Skill in Such Disorders I pray you to go to him
your Self & get Sumthing from him for that purpose if
you get anything pray Rite how it must be used fail not
for I am in great distrefs in so Doing you will Oblidge
your poor uncle - - - Richard Kimball.

Boxford, August 1767.

To M^r Jacob Kimball of Toppsfield

JOSEPH CUMMINGS TO JOHN BATCHELDER.

Ever Honoured Father and mother. after our Duty to
you Hoping that these few Lines will find you in as good
Health as they Leave us at present Bleffed Be god for the
Same, we Have nothing Strange to write to you. It is a
Time of Health among us at Present we would inform
you that we are as we Hope we fshall Have a minister in
a Little time settled In this place His name is Fitch &
we Have given Him a Call But He has Not as yet gave
his Answer I would Inform you that I Have Bought a
farm & Have got a House Raifd on it, I Desire you would
send up a Letter to Let us know How you Do For we
Have Heard that Father is very poorly and weakly. Re-
member us to all our Friends, and to all that ask after us,
we fshould Be very glad If Some of our Brothers would
Come up and see us, and If they want Land Cheap and

Topsfield October the 8 A.D. 1786 these many Gentles
all persons whom it may Concern that Jacob Towne hath
paid instant herefor for making a little blue Coat and
Jackie lined with tanned feet and blue Horn buttons
which he now wears as witness my hand

Joseph Hobbs

RICHARD KIMBALL TO JOSEPH KIMBALL.

Cousin Jacob Kimball After due service to you & yours
I would inform you that I am under very poor circum-
stances on account of my health for ten Days past I have
not had but little rest night nor day that which I labour
under is Called Rheumatism I am Seared in my hip & thy
& my leg & ankle y^e greatest pain is in my hip & ankle &c
I have heard that in Jacob Towne that lives near you
has Skill in such Disorders I pray you to go to him
your self & get something from him for that purpose if
you get anything pray Rite how it must be used fail not
for I am in great distress in so Doing you will Oblige
your poor uncle
Richard Kimball.

Hoxford, August 1787.

To Mr. Jacob Kimball of Topsfield

JOSEPH CUMMINGS TO JOHN BATCHELDER.

Ever Honoured Father and mother after our Duty to
you Hoping that these few lines will find you in as good
Health as they leave us at present Blessed be God for the
same, we have nothing strange to write to you. It is a
Time of Health among us at Present we would inform
you that we are as we hope we shall have a minister in
a little time settled in this place His name is Fitch &
we have given him a Call But he has Not as yet gave
his Answer I would inform you that I have Bought a
farm & have got a House build on it, I Desire you would
send up a Letter to let us know How you Do For we
Have heard that Father is very poorly and weakly. Re-
member us to all our friends, and to all that after us,
we should be very glad if some of our Brothers would
Come up and see us, and if they want Land Cheap and

Have a mind to buy Now is the time to Have it fo, Land
that will make a good farm,

And So No more at present But we Remain your Dutiful
Children Till Death.

Douglafs, November

23--1768

Joseph Cummings

Abigail Cummings

[To] John Batcheller

JOSEPH CUMMINGS TO JOHN BATCHELDER.

Ever Honoured father and Mother. After our Duty
to you, Hopeing that these few lines will find you in as
good Health as they leave us at present, Blessed be God
for the Same. I would inform you that our family is
well And it is a general Time of Health among us we
met with a Bad Lofs Last December our Cow by an acci-
dent at m^r goulds fhe Died in a Cart Wheel I would
Have you fend us up a Letter when Zaccus or John
gould fhall will come up which will Be soon, to Let us
know How all our friends Do. Remember us to all our
friends I would Be very glad if Some of my Brothers
would Come up and Carry mehitabel Down for fhe wants
to Come Down to Live for we are so poor and Low and
Loosing our Cow that we fshall find it Hard to maintain
all our family and if any of my Brothers will Come up
this Spring they Shall Have Her one year or While She
is 18 years old I would Have you fend word up By the
goulds whether any of you will come up or no. & So no
more at present But we Remain Your Dutiful Children
till Death

Douglafs march 22^d 1770

[To] John Batcheller.

Joseph Cummings

Abigail Cummings

JOSEPH CUMMINGS TO WIDOW HANNAH BATCHELLER.

Ever Honoured Mother.

After Our Duty to you & love to Brothers & Sisters
Hopeing these few lines will find you in as good health as
they leave us at present Blessed be God for the Same I
would Inform you that we got Home well But found
Amos very lame of a Cut in his knee which was cut the

Have a mind to buy Now is the time to have it in, I and
 that will make a good farm,
 And so No more at present But we Remain Your Duty
 till Children Till Death

Douglas, November
 23--1768
 [To] John Batcheller
 Joseph Cummings
 Abigail Cummings

JOSEPH CUMMINGS TO JOHN BATCHELLER.

Ever Honoured father and Mother. After our Duty
 to you, Hoping that these few lines will find you in as
 good Health as they leave us at present Blessed be God
 for the same. I would inform you that our family is
 well And it is a general time of Health among us we
 met with a Bad Loss Last December our Cow by an acci-
 dent at my friends the Died in a Cart Wheel I would
 Have you send us up a letter when James or John
 could I will come up which will be soon, to let us
 know How all our friends Do. Remember us to all our
 friends I would be very glad if some of my Brothers
 would Come up and Garry me a letter for the wants
 to Come Down to live for we are so poor and Low and
 looking our Cow that we shall find it hard to maintain
 all our family and if any of my Brothers will Come up
 this Spring they shall have her one year or While she
 is 18 years old I would have you send word up by the
 goods whether any of you will come up or no. And so no
 more at present But we Remain Your Dutiful Children
 till Death

Douglas march 23^d 1770
 [To] John Batcheller
 Joseph Cummings
 Abigail Cummings

JOSEPH CUMMINGS TO WIDOW HANNAH BATCHELLER.

Ever Honoured Mother.
 After Our Duty to you & love to Brothers & Sisters
 Hoping these few lines will find you in as good health as
 they leave us at present Blessed be God for the same I
 would inform you that we got home well But found
 Amos very lame of a Gut in his knee which was out the

Tuesday before I got home he Had a very bad Sore and is not got Quite well yet tho he Begins to get about again The Rest of our family is well the Childrend Send Duty to you & love to their Uncles and Aunts I do Intend to Come Down the last of may If nothing happens to me more than I know of it is a general Time of Health among us & so no more at present But we Remain your Dutifull Children till Death

Joseph and Abigail Cummings

Douglafs April 10th 1775

[To] Widow Hannah Batcheller, Topsfield

WILLIAM ROGERS TO JOSEPH TOWNE.

Cambridge May th11 1775

Loving Brother and Sifter thes Lines com to Inform you that I am well and all with me thanks be given to God for it Hoping you are well I Sente my horse to your house and I pray you to Let Lu^{tt} John Noyes have him to Ride hom for he is my offe^r and a man of honor, and if my Horse is not with you pray Let him have yours to Ride to his hous and you may Depend that he will not Rong your horse and do not fail him for he is going to in Lift more men for me and I wold Right more to you but time fails me from your Louing Brother

William Rogers

N. B. the Berer of this Leter to have the horse.
To Mr Joseph Towne in Topsfield

Lost yesterday By me the subscriber in Ipswich A Red-ish Coulered Coat it is Something fadeed and is full Trim^d with Moehair Buttons two of the Buttons is wore of upon the fore parts and one upon each Sleeve whosoever will inform me where I may have it Shall Be rewarded for their trouble By me

Nathaniel Averill Jun

Topsfield may the
27th 1775

Tuesday before I got home he had a very bad sore and is not yet quite well yet the he begins to get about again The Rest of our family is well the Children send Duty to you & love to their Uncles and Aunts I do intend to Come Down the last of May if nothing happens to me more than I know of it is a general Time of Health among us & so no more at present But we remain your

Dedicated Children till Death

Joseph and Abigail Cummings

Dorchester April 10th 1775

[To] Widow Hannah Batchelder, Topsfield

WILLIAM ROGERS TO JOSEPH TOWNE

Cambridge May 11th 1775

Loving Brother and Sister these lines come to inform you that I am well and all with me thanks be given to God for it Hoping you are well I sent my horse to your house and I pray you to let Mr. John Rogers have him to ride him for he is my old and a man of honor, and if my Horse is not with you pray let him have yours to ride to his house and you may depend that he will not keep your horse and do not fail him for he is going to in his more men for me and I would like more to you but time fails me from your Loving Brother

William Rogers

N. B. the Bearer of this Letter to have the horse.

To Mr Joseph Towne in Topsfield

I lost yesterday By me the tobacco in Ipswich A Red- ish Covered Coat it is something faded and is full Trim with Moosier Buttons two of the Buttons is wore of upon the fore parts and one upon each Sleeve whole ever will inform me where I may have it Shall be reward- ed for their trouble By me

Nathaniel Averill

Topsfield May the

27th 1775

EDMUND QUINCY TO JOSEPH TOWNE.

Stoughtonham June 8th 1775

Mr Joseph Towne

Dr Sir

I fould have Seen you long ere this time but the perplexities of the times have yet prevented me. this will will be deliverd you by Cap^t John Stayley Blackwell who is the miner you have heard Mr Buntin and my Self so often speak of, he Comes down to Topsfeild to see the mines, and Examine them, therefore should be glad you would give him all the Afsistance in your Power to get the Water out, and let him Examine the mine throughly you will treat him properly on my Account and you must not take him by his Drefs, as the Times makes it necessary he is a Gentleman tho he appears in this Drefs, and I should be Glad that his coming down to Examine the Mine you will keep as much to your Selves as you can notwithstanding the Times are very hard I determine to Carry on the Mine as soon as possible Hands may be Got, that I can depend on, I design to See you at Topsfeild as soon as I can, my Regards to your Wife & Children and all enquiring Freinds and Remain

Your sincere Freind &
Well Wifher

Edm. Quincy.*

To Mr Joseph Towne

in his Absence to Mr Jacob Towne in Topsfeild

Cred to Mr Edmund Quincy Esq^s by Cash £ m for
Labor in Droing the wat^r oute of the mine

Nov^r 21: 1776 Cred^t to Mr Edmund Quincy Esq^r for
the Labor Don in the mine by my Self and Elisah in June
8, 1776

Topsfield July ye 15, 1776

Rec^d of mr Samuel Perkins the Sum of Six Pounds
thirteen Shilling and fouer pence in full for hafe a turne
in the Emrican Service.

*See Topsfield Historical Collections, vol. ii, p. 73.

Edmund Quincy to Joseph Towne

Stoughtonham June 8 1776

Mr. Joseph Towne

Dear Sir

I should have seen you long ere this time but the perplexities of the times have yet prevented me. This will be delivered you by Cap. John Stacey Blackwell who is the miner you have heard Mr. Butler and my self so often speak of, he comes down to Topsheld to see the mines and examine them, therefore should be glad you would give him all the Assistance in your Power to get the Water out and let him examine the mine thoroughly you will treat him properly on my Account and you must not take him by his Drifts, as the Times makes it necessary he is a Gentleman tho he appears in this Drift, and I should be glad that his coming down to Examine the mine you will keep as much to your selves as you can notwithstanding the Times are very hard I determine to carry on the mine as soon as possible Hands may be got that I can depend on, I desire to see you at Topsheld as soon as I can, my Regards to your Wife & Children and all enduring Friends and Remains

Your sincere Friend &

Well Wilbur

Edm. Quincy

To Mr. Joseph Towne

in his Absence to Mr. Jacob Towne in Topsheld

Cred to Mr. Edmund Quincy Eld. by Cash & m for Labor in Dring the way out of the mine
Nov. 21: 1776 Cred to Mr. Edmund Quincy Eld. for the Labor Don in the mine by my self and Eliah in June 8, 1776

Topsheld July ye 15, 1776

Recd of Mr. Samuel Perkins the Sum of Six Pounds thirteen Shilling and four pence in full for hafe a turne in the American Service.

To M^r Zebulun Perkins Sir These are to Notifie you
that you are Drafted by me as a man to Reinforce the
Contenantal army for Eight months from the Date hereof,
or procure Some able Bodied man to Serve in your Room

Topsfield August

Stephⁿ Perkins Cap^t

22^d 1777

Topsfield August 23^d 1777

Rec^d of Zebulun Perkins fifteen pounds as a fine for
not Serving as a Soldier in the Contenatel army for
Eight months when Drafted therefor.

Stephⁿ Perkins

EDMUND QUINCY TO JOSEPH TOWNE.

Stoughtonham March 7th: 1777

Dear Sir

I just now received a Letter from you by M^r Israel
Freeman who says he is willing to undertake to separate
the ore that is got up and I am content he should if you
like it I have told him that He may go and make Tryal
of what he can do with the different parts of the Ore,
that that lays upermost must be a good deal Sun burnt
but that underneath will yield well, let him try the dif-
ferent parts and then we will come to some agreement
with Him. m^r Guild and I have appointed Several times
to Come to Topsfeild but we have got an Order from the
General to make a Quantity of Warlike Stores at our
Furnace which has kept us much Confind but as soon as
the weather will permit we f hall Sett off from home and
hope to see you very soon

My Son got home a Month ago after 4 month miserable
hard ufsage has been very Ill since he Came home, but
has now got better. my hearty Regards to your Wife
and Daughter and to your Brother hoping this will find
you all well and to all inquiring Freinds I remain

Y^r sincere Freind & well wif her

Edm. Quincy

To M^r Joseph Towne

In Topsfeild

p^r M^r Israel Freeman

To Mr. Nathan Perkins Sir These are to Notify you
that you are Directed by me as a man to Reinforce the
Continental army for Eight months from the Date hereof
or procure Some able Bodied man to Serve in your Room
Topsfield August 23^d 1777
Steph^s Perkins Cap^t

Topsfield August 23^d 1777
Rec^d of Nathan Perkins fifteen pounds as a fine for
not Serving as a Soldier in the Continental army for
Eight months when Directed thereto.
Steph^s Perkins

Edmund Quincy to Joseph Towne

Stoughtonham Marsh 7th 1777

Dear Sir

I just now received a Letter from you by Mr. Israel
Freeman who says he is willing to undertake to separate
the ore that is got up and I am content he should if you
like it I have told him that He may go and make Tryal
of what he can do with the different parts of the Ore
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but that underneath will yield well, let him try the dif-
ferent parts and then we will come to some agreement
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hope to see you very soon

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hard usage has been very ill since he Came home, but
has now got better. my hearty Regards to your Wife
and Daughter and to your Brother hoping this will find
you all well and to all inquiring Friends I remain
Y^r sincere Friend & well wisher

Edm. Quincy

To Mr. Joseph Towne
in Topsfield
by Mr. Israel Freeman

JANE PERKINS TO MRS. HANNAH BATCHELDER.

Honred mother I give my Dutey to you hoping these Lyns will find you in Helth as they Leve me at present Confidering my furcomfance at this Time I Do hereby Inform you that my Husband is in the armey at the weft-tord and fince he went from me it has plefd God who is the orther of our Beinges and has an uncontroulebel Right To give and Take away at his sovrend will and Plafuer our moft Neareft Company in this world and he has Taken all my Children away from me By Deth and I am Left Childlefs at this Time But Defier your Praing for me also Give my Respects to all Inquiring frends so no more at present But I Remain your Dutefull Child Tell Deth

Janey Perkins

Rindg Augst y^e 25 1777
To M^{rs} Hannar Batchelder in Topsfield

Topsfield November 27 Ad 1780 Deliverd to Jacob Towne Eight pare of stockings for the use of the Army

Topsfield March 16 Ad 1731 Received in full for the stockings of Jacob Towne I fay Received by me 8.00 Dolars

Elisbeth Emersen

SAMUEL HARRIS TO JACOB TOWNE.

To M^r Jacob Towns & his Wife

As an Opportunity now presents, we most cheerfully embrace it to tranfmit these Lines to you, thereby both to testify our regard for & Friendship to you, & to acquaint you that we, through the goodness of the univerfal Benefactor of Mankind, are blefsed with Health & the Necessaries & many of the comforts of Life, unfeignedly wishing these Lines may find you in the enjoyment of the same Blefsings. we fould be very glad to fee you here, & if you would take your Horfe & ride to Hopkinton & fee us it would afford us no small pleasure. we fould be

JANE PERKINS TO MRS. HANNAH BATCHELDER.

Honored mother I give my Duty to you hoping that
 I will find you in health as they love me at present
 Considering my circumstance at this Time I do hereby
 Inform you that my Husband is in the army at the west-
 ford and since he went from me it has pleased God who is
 the author of our Being and has an uncontroverted Right
 To give and Take away at his sovereign will and Pleasure
 our most Precious Company in this world and he has Taken
 all my Children away from me My Beth and I am left
 Childless at this Time But Dearest your Prayers for me
 also Give my Respects to all Inquiring friends so no
 more at present But I Remain your Dutiful Child Tell
 Beth

Jane Perkins

Kind August 25 1777

To Mrs. Hannah Batchelder in Topsfield

Topsfield November 27 Ad 1780 Delivered to Jacob
 Towne Eight pairs of stockings for the use of the Army
 Topsfield March 18 Ad 1781 Received in full for the
 stockings of Jacob Towne I say Received by me 8.00
 Dollars

Elizabeth Emerson

SAMUEL HARRIS TO JACOB TOWNE.

To Mr. Jacob Towne & his Wife

As an Opportunity now presents, we most cheerfully
 embrace it to transmit these Lines to you, thereby both to
 testify our regard for & Friendship to you, & to acquaint
 you that we, through the goodness of the universal Ben-
 efactor of Mankind, are blessed with Health & the Nec-
 essaries & many of the comforts of Life, unobscuredly
 wishing these Lines may find you in the enjoyment of the
 same Blessings. We should be very glad to see you here,
 & if you would take your Horse & ride to Hingham &
 see us it would afford us no small pleasure. We should be

glad also if you would write a Letter to us & leave it at m^r Clark's directly, that it may be brought by the Bearer hereof our Children give their regards to you so no more at this time from your Friends & well-wishers till Death

Samuel Harris

Abigail Harris

Hopkinton July 27, 1780

Brother Webber & his Sister wish to be remembered to you

Topsfield July 16th 1781

Recieved of Mr Jacob Towne Eleven pound four Shillings and five pence his Quota towards hiring a Man for the Contin^l army

Thomas Porter

Saturday 23^d of November 1782

Jacob Towne of Topsfield Came to me and Informed me that his Brother William Perkins Departed this Life on Fryday so late that he Could not git prepared to bury him on Saterday and as the weather was warm it would be difficult to keep him till Monday, and desired me to grant him Liberty to bury his said Brother on the Lord's day

for these Reasons Licence is hereby granted to the Said Jacob Towne to Solemnize the funeral of the said William Perkins on Lords day Evening tomorrow, after the Exerfises of the Public worship of God is over

Topsfield Nov^r 23, 1782.

By me Sam^l Smith Just^c of Peace.

SAMUEL SPOFFORD TO JOSEPH TOWNE.

Sir being Informed that you Intend Marrage to Miss Patty Baker and have been publifhed to her as I have been before you but it is a matter Immeterial to me Notwithstanding I still have the best Right to her but if you will be so kind as to meet me at Major Parles and be so

glad also if you would write a letter to us & leave it at
m. Clark's directly, that it may be brought by the Bearer
hereof our Children give their regards to you & no more
at this time from your friends & well-wishers till Death

Samuel Harris

Abigail Harris

Hopkinton July 27, 1780

Brother Weber & his Sister with to be remembered
to you

Topsfield July 18th 1781

Received of M^r. Jacob Towne Eleven pound four Shil-
lings and five pence his Quota towards hiring a Man for
the Cont^g. army

Thomas Porter

Saturday 23rd of November 1782

Jacob Towne of Topsfield Came to me and informed
me that his Brother William Perkins Departed this Life
on Friday so late that he could not get prepared to bury
him on Saturday and as the weather was warm it would
be difficult to keep him till Monday, and desired me to
grant him liberty to bury his said Brother on the Lord's
day

for these Reasons License is hereby granted to the said
Jacob Towne to Solemnize the funeral of the said Wil-
liam Perkins on Lords day Evening tomorrow, after the
Exercises of the Public worship of God is over

Topsfield Nov^r 23, 1782

By me Sam^l Smith Just^l of Peace.

Samuel Stortford to Joseph Towne

Sir being informed that you intend Marriage to Miss
Patty Baker and have been published to her as I have
been before you but it is a matter immaterial to me Not
withstanding I still have the best right to her but if you
will be so kind as to meet me at Miss Perkins and be so

generous as to make me an offer what you will give or take and the Party that takes shall Drop the whole affare and Never trouble the other more but if you will not meet me at that place and Settle the matter you may Relie upon it that I shall Proceed and Shall Still be a thorn in your Side, but if you will Come we will Settle matters with out any troble I shall Depend upon your Sending me answr what you will Do and In So Doing you will much Oblige your humble Servent

Samuel Spofford*

Rowley March y^e 1 : 1784
To Mr Joseph Towne.

PETITION OF JACOB TOWNE AND OTHERS.

Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court afsembled.

The Petition of Jacob Towne of Topsfield, & others, humbly shews That in march anno Domini 1781 your petitioners were clafsed by the selectmen of Topsfield to procure a man to serve three years in the Continental army, agreeable to a resolve of the General Court of the Commonwealth; and Thomas Porter was appointed the head of our s^d Clafs. at our first Clafs meeting s^d Porter told the s^d Clafs it was not best to be in too great hafte to procure a man, that he the s^d Porter would Clear the s^d Clafs for three hundred hard Dollars; which promise of s^d Porter fatisfied the Class, and was the sole reason that they then delayed procuring a man for the aforesaid service after a month or two had elapsed s^d Porter told the s^d Clafs He had procured them a man for the three years service, but they must give him the s^d Porter four hundred hard Dollars, for the men must be had, and were very hard to be found accordingly the Clafs, rather than be deficient in their duty, and their Country suffer by their neglect, Complied with his extravagant demands, and all the money was advanced, or security given for the same on interest by the middle of July 1781. From thence your Petitioners were led to conclude, they were not be-

*Martha Baker and Joseph Towne were married at Andover, Mar. 11, 1784.

generous as to make me an offer what you will give or take and the Party that takes I shall drop the whole affair and never trouble the other more but if you will not meet me at that place and settle the matter you may rely upon it that I shall proceed and shall still be a champion your side, but if you will come we will settle matters with out any trouble. I shall depend upon your sending me answer what you will do and in so doing you will much Oblige your humble servant

Samuel Spofford*

Rowley March 7th 1784

To Mr Joseph Towne

PETITION OF JACOB TOWNE AND OTHERS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled,

The Petition of Jacob Towne of Topsfield, & others, humbly shews That in March anno Domini 1781 your petitioners were elected by the selectmen of Topsfield to procure a man to serve three years in the Continental Army, agreeable to a resolve of the General Court of the Commonwealth; and Thomas Porter was appointed the head of our ^{1st} Class. at our first Class meeting ^{2^d} Porter told the ^{2^d} Class it was not best to be in too great haste to procure a man, that he the ^{2^d} Porter would clear the ^{2^d} Class for three hundred hard Dollars; which promise of ^{2^d} Porter satisfied the Class, and was the sole reason that they then delayed procuring a man for the aforesaid service after a month or two had elapsed ^{2^d} Porter told the ^{2^d} Class He had procured them a man for the three years service, but they must give him the ^{2^d} Porter four hundred hard Dollars, for the men must be had, and were very hard to be found accordingly the Class, rather than be deficient in their duty, and their Country suffer by their neglect Complied with his extravagant demands, and all the money was advanced, or security given for the same on interest by the middle of July 1781. From thence your Petitioners were led to conclude, they were not be-

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hind the rest of their fellow subjects in exerting themselves & promoting their Countrys defence, but to their surprize and great disappointment they find their exertions were dormant, their Country injured, while their money was applied to private emoluments, and themselves liable to a penalty for deficiency, which is imputable to the wilful neglect of the aforesaid Porter only. wherefore your petitioners would approach your Honours, as the guardians of the rights & the protectors of the property of the subject, as men formed for the extirpation of fraud, & Iniquity, and to promote justice, honesty and virtue of every kind, and pray that your Honours in your wisdom, would grant your Petitioners, that the sd Porter refund to them their proportion of Thirty-four Pounds seven shillings with interest for the same, which the aforesaid Class paid the s^d Porter, on July aforesaid (more than the average price) and for the purpose aforesaid, and they in duty bound will over pray.

Topsfield January, 1782.

Jacob Towne

John Cree 3^d

Thos Perkins

Zeblun Perkins

EZRA TOWNE TO JOSEPH TOWNE.

Loving Brothers I hope Throue The Devine goodness of God you and yours are in helth all Tho I am in a pore Stat of helth and have bin so for sum Time not able to Do aney Worck my Breathrean I have Sum very Disagreeable News to Right to you. Last Week m^r Hawood Was at Noah Curtises in Royalstown and Curtis Bid him Tell me my Brother Benja was not worth one peney in the word m^r Hawood Told him it Would be very Disagreeable News to Tell me of Curtes said if it Was it Was True and He Was a Brother of his as Well as mine and further said my Brother Was once a man of a good Stat But Now is Worth nothing and further more Told m^r Hawood Benj^a Was in the New Stat and I beleve in a Very pore Seeteuation His Cufed Will hath brought him to this and you in to Los and Trouble my Brothers I feal

hind the rest of their fellow subjects in exerting themselves & promoting their Country's defence, but to their surprise and great disappointment they find their exertions were dormant, their Country injured, while their money was applied to private emolument, and themselves liable to a penalty for delinquency, which is imputable to the wilful neglect of the aforesaid Porter only. Wherefore your petitioners would approach your Honours, as the guardians of the rights & the protectors of the property of the subject, as men formed for the extirpation of fraud, & iniquity, and to promote justice, honesty and virtue of every kind, and pray that your Honours in your wisdom would grant your Petitioners, that the sd Porter stand to them their proportion of Thirty-four Pounds seven shillings with interest for the same, which the aforesaid Clats paid the sd Porter, on July aforesaid (more than the average price) and for the purpose aforesaid, and they in duty bound will ever pray.

Topsfield January, 1783.

Jacob Towne

John Cice 8^d

Thos Perkins

Nathan Perkins

Letter Towne to Joseph Towne

My dear Brother I hope through the Divine goodness of God you and yours are in health all the I am in a poor state of health and have bin so for some time not able to do any work my Brethren I have seen very disagreeable News to Right to you. Last Week Mr Hawood Was at Nash Carter in Hoyalstown and Carter bid him Tell me my Brother Benj was not worth one penny in the word Mr Hawood told him it would be very disagreeable News to Tell me of. Carter said it was it was true and he was a Brother of his as well as mine and further said my Brother was once a man of a good state But now is worth nothing and further more told Mr Hawood Benj was in the New State and I believe in a very poor situation the Clerk will have brought him to this and you in to loss and trouble my Brothers I feel

Sorey for you and I Hope God Will give you Wisdom to behave Wisley under the froun of Providance I know not what further to Right to you for my bodey and mind is Very Weak so as my hands Tremble as I Right my Brother it Doth Look Very Strange my brother Eli Never Let you know what Seeteuation Benja Was in if I Can git git so as to be able to Ride I shall Cum Down and See you in a Little While it is supposed it Will be for my helth to Ride I Do not knew but I shall go over and see Eli give my Love to my Sisters and Cufsons So I Conclude Wifhing all fouer of my bratheran Contentedness of mind under Crosses So I Remain your Loving Brother Tell Death

New Ipswich august 18, 1784

Ezra Towne

N. B. I am so as I Ride out Ever Day and I think I gain Sum Strength give my Love to Uncle Bragge

ABEL CUMMINGS TO ZEBULUN PERKINS.

Loving uncul & Aunt After my Due Respects to you I would In form you that we are all well and I Do Hope that These hear few Lins Will find you so I have No News to Rite to you It is A general Time of Helth I hope that you Will be So Kind as to Weat upon me for I Find it Very Hard Setling the Debts I am A going to Pay the Ears of So as to Keep the Land I Will Settle With you as Soon as I Can Sir if you are Equanted With the People In Andever for thare Is one Mr Samuel Clark Lieve thear That ows me & Sir If you Will Inquire after him and find out Weather he is Worth any thing and Send me Word I will Reward you for it Money is Vary hard to be got but I Will Come Down and Settle With you as Soon as Pofable this Mr Clark Is a Large Man Wite Lite Cullered Hair and About 30 years old so No more at Present but I Remain your Loving Cozen Till Death

Abel Cummings

Douglafs December 14th 1789

To Zeb. Perkins.

Sorey for you and I Hope God Will give you Wisdom to
 behave Wisely under the Iron of Providence I know
 not what future to light to you for my body and mind
 is Very Weak so as my hands Tremble as I Right my
 Brother it Doth Look Very Strange my Brother Eli Never
 Let you know what Satisfaction Hence Was in it I Can
 get rid so as to be able to Hide I shall Come Down and see
 you in a Little While it is supposed it Will be for my
 health to Hide I Do not know but I shall go over and see
 Eli give my Love to my Sisters and Cousins So I Con-
 clude Will stay all winter of my brethren Comforted
 of mind under Crosses So I Remain your Loving Brother
 Tell Death

New Ipswich August 18, 1784
 N. H. I am so as I Hide out Ever Day and I think I
 gain some Strength give my Love to Uncle Briggs

Abel Cunningham to Samuel Perkins.

Loving uncle & Aunt After my Due respects to you
 I would in form you that we are all well and I Do Hope
 that these few lines Will find you so I have No
 News to Write to you It is A general Time of Health I
 hope that you Will be So Kind as to Write upon me for I
 find it Very Hard setting the Debt I am A going to
 Pay the Part of So as to keep the Land I Will settle
 With you as soon as I Can So if you are Expanded
 With the People in Answer for there is one Mr Samuel
 Clark I have heard that owes me & still you Will dispute
 after him and find out Whether he is Worth anything
 and send me Word I will forward you for it Money is
 Very hard to be got but I Will Come Down and settle
 With you as soon as I can this Mr Clark is a large
 Man With like Coloured Hair and About 30 years old
 so No more at present but I Remain your Loving Cousin
 Tell Death

Abel Cunningham

Douglas December 14 1780
 To Sam Perkins

JACOB HOOD TO JACOB TOWNE 3D.

July 8th 1790

Yours of the 25th of June I Rec^d by my Brother and Considered my Self highly favoured to Receive a Line from a perfon that has Discovered Every Mark of Friendship to me that any perfon Could I Should be happy to Converse with you face to face but Since we are at such a Distance I must Rest Contented to Make letters the Messenger of my Real friendship to an Absent friend. be pleas^d to Give my best Regards to your parents and all Friends. I Never Expect to be Honoured with your Company at the Eastward

M^{rs} Hood Sends her Regards to you and your parents. Having Nothing further to offer I Coclude Regarting it as a favour that you would write Every Oppr^{ty} and Sir as you have ben Acquainted with my Ignorance before you will Not be Disapointed at the Incorectness of these Lines I wish you Heath and wealth and a Dwelling in the Smiles of Cheurfullness your Friend

Jacob Hood

To Jacob Towne, 3d.

SOLOMON WILDES TO DR. JOHN MERRIAM.

Boston Febry ye 9th 1793

Dear Sir I have made enquiry at the several Bookstores relative to Books you mentioned. I found the price of Bailees Dictionary in the different Bookstores from 12/^s to 14/^s Brooks Practice in 2 vol 20/ and at one store 1 vol the price 8/^s Cullens practice of Phisick London Edition, 48/^s You may mention to Towne that I can have Rollens ancient Hiftory 10 vol 12^{mo} for 50/^s Gibbons Roman History 12 vol 8 vo £6-0-0 the History of England by Hume Smallet and others Down to the Conclusion of the late war 16 vol 8^{vo} suppose they may be had £8-0-0 provided the other sett are taken with them.

Yours &c

S. Willes

Doct^r John Meriam
Topsfield.

JACOB HOOD TO JACOB TOWNE 3d.

July 8 1790

Yours of the 25th of June I Rec^d by my Brother and
 Considered my Self highly favoured to Receive a Line
 from a person that has discovered Every Mark of Friend-
 ship to me that any person Could. I Should be happy to
 converse with you face to face but since we are at such
 a Distance I must Rest Contented to Make letters the
 Messenger of my Real friendship to an Absent friend. be
 please to Give my best Regards to your parents and all
 Friends. I Never Expect to be Honoured with your Com-
 pany at the Halfway

M^r Hood Sends her Regards to you and your parents.
 Having Nothing further to offer I Conclude Regarding it
 as a favour that you would write Every Opportunity and Sir
 as you have been Acquainted with my Ignorance before
 you will Not be Disappointed at the Incompleteness of these
 Lines. I wish you Health and wealth and a Dwelling in
 the Smiles of Contentment your Friend

Jacob Hood

To Jacob Towne, 3d.

SOLONOX WILKES TO DR. JOHN MERIAM

Boston Feby^y 9th 1798

Dear Sir I have made enquiry at the several Book-
 stores relative to Books you mentioned. I found the price
 of Bailey's Dictionary in the different Bookstores from
 12^s to 14^s Books Printed in 2 vol 20^s and at one store
 I vol the price 8^s Collins practice of Physick London
 Edition, 48^s. You may mention to Towne that I can
 have Hollans ancient History 10 vol 12^s for 50^s Gib-
 bons Roman History 12 vol 8^s to 10-0-0 the History of
 England by Hume Smollet and others Down to the Con-
 clusion of the late war 10 vol 8^s suppose they may be
 had 10-0-0 provided the other sets are taken with them.

Yours &c S. Wilkes

Doct. John Meriam
Topsfield.

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF JACOB TOWNE.

1793

Dec. 31 paid S. Willes 30/- borrowed of him Dec. 26.

Dec. 31 p^d to J. Andrews for a pamphlet /6^d

1794

Jan. 1	Paid 1/8 ^d to Mr Jacob Kimball for setting &c shoes on the Mare	0- 1- 8
	D ^o a ballance to Simeon Renny Jun /7 ^d	0- 0- 7
2	to Salem 12/-	0-12- 0
	D ^o to Betsy Roff 1/6	0- 1- 6
3	to Mr Kimball for a Bufhel of Rye bot this day of him	0- 6- 9
7	paid to Betsy Roff 4/7	0- 4- 7
13	paid Mrs. Mary Wildes for a Dunghill Cock 1/0	0- 1- 0
18	paid Stephen Cree for Threfhing &c this day ballance 1/6	0- 1- 6
Feb. 13	paid Ephraim Perkins 3/4 ¹ / ₂ ^d for half a bufhel of Rye bot 11 th	0- 3-4 ¹ / ₂
17	paid John Bradstreet Jun. 1/6 ^d being a ballance which he over paid for a finging Book	0- 1- 6
Mar. 8	paid Mrs. Cleveland 1/6 for making a Bonnet & 1/2 y ^d of Catgut	0- 1- 6
13	paid Mr. W ^m Carlton 13/4 in full for the Mercury the last year ending Feb. 1, 1794, printed by A. Young of Boston	0-13- 4
14	paid Mr. Kimball for pint of W. I. Rum & 1/2 p ^t N. E. R.	0- 1- 2
15	p ^d Jos. Andrews 6/5 for a bushel of Rye	0- 6- 5
	D ^o paid a ballance 2/0 to J. Andrews	0- 2- 0
31	bot 8 ³ / ₄ lbs. of german Steel at 9 ^d lb. 6/7	0- 6- 7
Apr. 2	p ^d Deacon Dodge 26/5	1- 6- 5
7	p ^d A. Smith of Ipswich /11 for a screw pin to a Gun lock	11
7	p ^d at the Probate office 9/	0. 9. 0
25	p ^d Eph. Perkins	0.16. 0
28	p ^d Jos. Andrews for Bushel Rye &c	0. 6. 5

THOMAS ACCOUNT OF JACOB TOWNE

1798		
Dec. 31	paid S. Willes 80/- borrowed of him Dec. 28.	0-1-8
Dec. 31	paid to J. Andrews for a pamphlet 1/6	0-0-7
1794		0-12-0
Jan. 1	paid 1/8 to Mr. Jacob Kimball for see-	0-1-8
	ing the shoes on the mare	
	D. a balance to Simon Kenny Jan 1/8	0-0-7
	to Salem 12/-	0-12-0
	D. to Betsey Robt 1/8	0-1-8
	to Mr. Kimball for a Bushel of Rye	
	for this day of him	0-0-9
	paid to Betsey Robt 4/7	0-4-7
	paid Mrs. Mary Wilkes for a Dangle	
	Cook 1/0	0-1-0
	paid Stephen Oice for Thrashing &c	
	this day balance 1/8	0-1-8
Feb. 18	paid Ephraim Perkins 2/4 for half a	
	barrel of Rye for 11	0-2-4
	paid John Bradstreet Jan. 1/8 being	
	a balance which he over paid for a	
	Tracing Book	0-1-8
Mar. 8	paid Mrs. Cleveland 1/8 for making a	
	Banner & 1/2 of Carpet	0-1-8
	paid Mr. W. Canton 12/- in full for the	
	Mercury the last year ending Feb.	
	1794, printed by A. Young of	
	Boston	0-12-4
	paid Mr. Kimball for pint of W. I.	
	Ham & 1/2 N. E. L.	0-1-2
	paid Jos. Andrews 6/5 for a bushel of	
	Rye	0-0-6
	D. paid a balance 2/0 to J. Andrews	0-2-0
	for 82 lbs of German Steel at 2 1/2 lb. 6/7	0-0-7
	paid Eusebio Dodge 20/5	1-0-5
Apr. 2	paid A. Smith of Ipswich 1/1 for a screw	
	pin to a Gun lock	11
	paid at the Probate office 9/-	0-0-9
	paid Eph. Perkins	0-10-0
	paid Jos. Andrews for Bushel Rye &c	0-0-5

Apr. 28	p ^d for measureing at Bare Hill 9 ^d	0. 0. 9
May 28	p ^d Charles Rogers 1/6 ^d for picking rocks	0. 1. 6
	D ^o p ^d 1/2 for fish bot of Amos Smith	0. 1. 2
June 4	p ^d John Conant 4/4 in full for Blacksmithing	0. 4. 4
	D ^o p ^d Rob ^t Perkins Jun. in full for the Town Tax for the year 1794—	
	Ballance having p ^d 12/ before	1. 9. 6
7	p ^d S. Willes 2/ for Paper & 1/6 for 3 Historical Pamphlets	0. 3. 6
	D ^o bot. of J. Rust (Salem) a Sutton Hoe	0. 3. 6
14	p ^d Eph. Andrews 3/7 for work & 3 Dollars borrowed of him Apr. 1 in full of Accounts	1. 1. 7
16	p ^d Stp. Perkins 1/6	0. 1. 6
19	p ^d Justice Cleaveland for swearing 2 appraisers	0. 1. 1½
27	p ^d Hepse Andrews 1/6 in full	0. 1. 6
July 1	p ^d Daniel Averell Jun 7/2½ ^d in full for Sawing	0. 7. 2½
17	p ^d Miles Ward 30/ for 500 Merchantable & 3/9 for 100 refuse Boards	1. 13. 9
23	p ^d Israel Herrick (Boxford) 18/ for a Barrel of Cyder & 3/9 for the Barrel	1. 1. 9
7	p ^d at the Probate office 2.7½ ^d	0. 2. 7½
Aug 30	p ^d W. Carlton for binding the 2 ^d Vol. of Hist. Col.	0. 3. 0
Sept, 2	p ^d Ephraim Wildes 7/6 in part	0. 7. 6
10	p ^d Robert Perkins Jun in full for the State Tax Dated Dec. 4, 1793	0. 19. 9
Nov. 1	p ^d J. Andrews for his steers to Salem this day	0. 1. 0
3	p ^d Z. Perkins 29/6 in full for three barrels of Cyder	1. 9. 6
	D ^o p ^d Eph. Wildes 9/10 in full	0. 9. 10
5	p ^d Mrs. Andrews 3/7 for Interest in full	0. 3. 7
8	p ^d Mofes Bradstreet in full of all accounts 3/	0. 3. 0

Apr. 28	p ^a for measuring at Base Hill 9 ^c	0. 6. 9
May 28	p ^a Charles Rogers 1/8 ^c for picking rocks	0. 1. 6
	p ^a 1/2 for Ash of Amos Smith	0. 1. 2
June 4	p ^a John Constant 1/4 in full for Black-	0. 4. 4
	smithing	
	p ^a Hob ^a Perkins Jan. in full for	
	the Town Tax for the year 1794—	
	Balance having p ^a 12/ before	1. 0. 6
7	p ^a S. Willis 2/ for Paper & 1/6 for 2	0. 8. 6
	Historical Pamphlets	
	p ^a bot. of J. Hunt (Salem) a Button	0. 8. 6
	Hoe	
14	p ^a Eph ^a Andrews 8/7 for work & 2	
	Dollars borrowed of him Apr. 1 in	
	full of Accounts	1. 1. 7
18	p ^a S ^a Perkins 1/6	0. 1. 6
19	p ^a Justice Cleveland for evening 2	
	appraisers	0. 1. 14
27	p ^a Heaps Andrews 1/8 in full	0. 1. 6
July 1	p ^a Daniel Averell Jan 7/24 ^c in full for	
	Sawing	0. 7. 24
17	p ^a Miles Ward 80/ for 500 Merchants-	
	ble & 2/3 for 100 reeds Boards	1. 12. 9
23	p ^a Israel Herrick (Boxford) 18/ for a	
	Barrel of Cyder & 2/3 for the Barrel	1. 1. 9
7	p ^a at the Probate office 2.74 ^c	0. 2. 74
Aug 30	p ^a W. Carlton for binding the 2 ^d Vol.	
	of Hist. Col.	0. 8. 0
Sept. 2	p ^a Ephraim Whites 7/6 in part	0. 7. 6
10	p ^a Robert Perkins Jan in full for the	
	State Tax Dated Dec. 4. 1793	0. 10. 9
Nov. 1	p ^a J. Andrews for his steers to Salem	
	this day	0. 1. 0
8	p ^a N. Perkins 22/6 in full for three	
	barrels of Cyder	1. 9. 6
	p ^a Eph ^a Whites 9/10 in full	0. 9. 10
5	p ^a Mrs. Andrews 2/7 for interest in	
	full	0. 8. 7
8	p ^a Moses Bradford in full of all ac-	
	counts 2/	0. 3. 0

Nov. 19	p ^d for a Bushel of Rye bot this day at Mofes Gould's	0. 7. 6
21	p J. Andrews Six Dollars for a load of salt hay	1.16. 0
	D ^o p ^d J. Andrews 2/9 ^d	0. 2. 9
22	p ^d L ^t Adams 16/8 ^d for 12½ lbs of Sole Leather	0.16. 8
	D ^o p ^d Mrs. Merriam for making a Cloak 1/4	0. 1. 4
Dec. 11	p ^d Ezra Perkins in part of the Town Tax two Dollars	0.12. 0
24	Bot a Pencil with a Cafe 1/6 and a Penknife 1/6	0. 3. 0
26	p ^d 4/ for Eph. Perkins helping make wall two days	0. 4. 0
31	p ^d John Conant for Blacksmithing in full 7/1	0. 7. 1
1795		
Feb. 23	p ^d Sufanna Farnum 7/6 Ballance for a Brafs Kettle	0. 7. 6
Mar. 4	p ^d Bimsly Peabody for 3 skins wash Leather	0. 4. 6
Mar. 9	p ^d for 3 Bushels of Rye bot at Mr. Kimball's	1. 2. 6
Mar. 11	p ^d Elijah Averell for puting in an Axletree	0. 2. 0
Mar. 14	p ^d Jonas Meriam for mending a Chain & 2 Cart Nails	0. 0. 9
Apr. 10	p ^d Z. Perkins 5/7 for himself, oxen & drafts to Salem & helping load a log	0. 5. 7
	D ^o p ^d W. Carlton for a Perry's Dictionary	0. 5. 6
May 5	p ^d Deacon Dodge 26/4 & 1/½	1. 7.4½
May 14	Bot of Z. Perkins a Barrel of Cyder	
May 19	p ^d Step. Cree for helping dung out this day	0. 2. 8
June 8	p ^d Afa Porter for swingling flax this day	0. 2. 6
June 20	p ^d Mr Porter for hoeing—46. for making wall	0. 4. 6

Nov. 19	for a barrel of Rye for this day at	0.75
Nov. 21	for 3 Andrews Six Dollars for a load	1.16
Nov. 22	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.25
Dec. 11	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.16
Dec. 11	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.14
Dec. 11	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.12
Dec. 11	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.80
Dec. 11	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.40
Dec. 11	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.71
Feb. 23	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.75
Mar. 4	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.46
Mar. 9	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	1.25
Mar. 11	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.20
Mar. 14	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.09
Apr. 10	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.57
May 5	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.56
May 14	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	1.74
May 19	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.28
June 8	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.26
June 20	for 1 Adams 16/8 for 12 1/2 lbs of Sole	0.46

Sep. 29	p ^d Dr Meriam $1/2\frac{1}{2}^d$ & Oct. 1 p ^d $5/3\frac{1}{2}$ in full for half a Barrel of Cyder Bot Sept. 1, having paid 1/ before	0. 7. 6
Oct. 1	p ^d Mr Kimball seting 2 Shoes 9 ^d	0. 0. 9
2	p ^d Jacob Peabody 2/— in full for a peck of Rye bot sometime since	0. 2. 0
3	Bot of Cushing & Carlton an Account Book	0. 2. 3
3	p ^d S. Willes $1/6\frac{1}{3}^d$ in full of a ballance of a shere in a Ticket in Hartford State House Lottery	0. 1.6 $\frac{1}{3}$
		Dolls. Cts.
Oct. 6.	Bot of A. Northey a Coffee Mill, A Pewter Bason, $1/8^d$ Of Mrs. Northey a pair of Decanters	1. 0. 2. 0.
Oct. 22.	Bot 6 Thoufand of Shingles of Mr. Groce, 17 ^{Dolls} Paid in part 12 Dol- lars—Paid in full.	
	D ^o Bot of Gen. Abbot 7 Thoufand of Shingle nails at $7/1^d$ & 1 Hundred of Bord nails	
Nov. 21.	Paid Charles Rogers in full $15/6^d$ D ^o p ^d Ezra Perkins $32/5$ in full for the School Houfe Tax having paid $2/4$ before	
	D ^o Bot two Bushels of Turnips $3/2$ 1796	0. 50
March 23.	p ^d Jonas Meriam 20 Cents D ^o p ^d Jos. Dorman 50 Cents for Barthol- omew Conant's helping draw a log to Low's Mill & 1 from Boxford woods to near Amos Gallop's	0. 20 0. 50
March 24.	p ^d Deacon Dodge for Interest in full	4. 40
April 22.	Bot a Hat of Mr. Young at Salem 21/	3. 50
May 30.	p ^d Nathan Dow for Sawing 472 feet of Oak Boards	1. 36
	D ^o p ^d John Conant for half a Bushel of Rye	0. 75
June 10.	p ^d Royal A. Meriam for picking rocks 3 days	0. 50

June 14.	p ^d Mr Macanaulty for binding Historical Collections 2 Vols. in one 4/	0. 67
Do.	Bot Harris' System of Punctuation	0. 12½
June 16.	p ^d Simon Gould Jun. the State Tax for 1795 in full	3. 82
21.	p ^a for Mr Ames' Speech delivered in Congress	0. 25
July 12.	Bot of A. Northey Set of Knives & Forks	1. 25
Sept. 5.	Bot of Eb. Bowditch a pair of Buckles	2. 0
D ^o	— of Ropes a pair of Buckles for Lydia	1. 25
10.	p ^d John Balch for tanning & currying 2 calf skins & currying one side of Leather in full 8/6	1. 41½
23.	p ^d Dudley Wildes for mowing &c Aug. 22. at Hafsoky Meadows	75
Oct ^r 4.	Paid Mr Huntington 20/2 for a share in the Library	3. 33½
20.	Bot of Jn ^o Gardner a pair of stockings, silk & worsted,	1. 26⅔
Nov. 11.	Bot of Mr Lampson of Beverly a Hat for Lydia	3. 0
1797		
Jan. 9.	p ^d Eph. Perkins 4/1½ for Drawing 16½ ft. Timber to Salem	
Jan. 12.	p ^d Eph. Perkins for helping load & Draw a log to near new mills, yesterday being Jan. 11 th in full 9/6	2. 27
Jan. 14.	p ^d Mr. Kimball for shoeing the steers yesterday	1. 0
Jan. 16.	p ^d Elisha Perkins for his oxen to the new mills Jan. 11 th	0. 27½
24.	p ^d Simon Gould Jun. the remainder of the Town Tax for 1795 in full 1 Doll & 70 Cts. having p ^d 5 Dollars before	1. 70
24.	p ^d S. Gould Jun 2/ in part of the Town Tax for 1796	0. 33½

June 14.	p ^a Mr Macannally for binding His- torical Collections 2 Vols in one 4/	0. 67
Do.	Bot Harris System of Penetration	0. 124
June 16.	p ^a Simon Gould Jan the State Tax for 1795 in full	8. 82
21.	p ^a for Mr Ames Speech delivered in Congress	0. 26
July 12.	Bot of A. Northey Set of Knives & Forks	1. 28
Sept. 5.	Bot of Ed. Bowditch a pair of Buckles	2. 0
Do.	— of Ropes a pair of Buckles for Lydia	1. 26
10.	p ^a John Hale for tanning & carrying 3 calf skins & carrying one side of leather in full 8/6	1. 414
28.	p ^a Dudley Wilkes for mowing &c Aug. 22. at Halsey Meadows	75
Oct. 4.	Paid Mr Huntington 20/2 for a share in the Library	8. 334
20.	Bot of J ^o Gardner a pair of stock- ings, silk & worsted.	1. 284
Nov. 11.	Bot of Mr. Lamson of Beverly a Hat for Lydia	8. 0
1797		
Jan. 8.	p ^a Eph. Perkins 4/14 for Drawing 164 ft. Timber to Salem	
Jan. 12.	p ^a Eph. Perkins for helping load & Draw a log to new mill, yes- terday being Jan. 11 th in full 8/6	2. 27
Jan. 14.	p ^a Mr Kimball for shoeing the steers yesterday	1. 0
Jan. 16.	p ^a Elisha Perkins for his oxen to the new mill Jan. 11 th	0. 274
24.	p ^a Simon Gould Jan the remainder of the Town Tax for 1795 in full 1 Doll & 70 Cts. having p ^a 5 Dol- lars before	1. 70
24.	p ^a S. Gould Jan 25 in part of the Town Tax for 1796	0. 384

Jan. 24.	D ^o p ^d 1 Doll. & 5 Cts in full for Adam Rofs's making two Barrels Nov ^r 1796	1. 5
27.	Bot 8 Bushels of Rye at 8/ p ^r Bushel	10. 66 $\frac{2}{3}$
Feb. 4.	p ^d M ^r Brickett a Note 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dolls principal, Total	28. 65
8.	p ^d Mr. Sawyer Ju ^r Adm ^r to Mr. Pierpont's Estate for Eliza & Lydia Towne in full for their share of a Bond	67. 73
Feb. 28.	p ^d Mr Kimball two dozen of ox helves in full for an ax bot of him Jan ^y 26 th	1. 50
Mar. 11.	p ^d Ben. Kimball for mowing July 21, 1796	0. 83
16.	Paid Simon Gould Ju ⁿ part of the Town Tax for 1796	0. 83
24.	Paid John Balch for Currying a fide of Leather	0. 41 $\frac{1}{2}$
May 5.	P ^d Benj. Hobbs for grafting afternoon	0. 50
18.	P ^d Dea ⁿ Dodge for Interest in full	4. 40
19.	p ^d Mr. Kimball for 2 new & feting 2 shoes on the Mare	0. 75
31.	p ^d Roger Balch for Taxes for Lydia's upper field	0. 33
June 8.	p ^d Simon Gould Jun. ballance in full for the Town Tax in 1796	2. 79 $\frac{1}{2}$
13.	p ^d T. Perkins Jun. for 4 Milk pans	0. 50
27.	p ^d Simon Gould Jun. for the State Tax for 1796, in full	3. 68
July 29.	Bot a pair of Paniards of Mr Butman, p ^d in full	2. 0
Sep.. 13.	Bot a Bottle of British oil 1/6	0. 25
14.	Paid John Balch for Currying a Calf skin in full	0. 25
14.	Paid Amos Foster in full for 30 lb of Pork bot of him Aug. 22, 25/	4. 17
15.	Paid Z. Perkins for pair of wheels to Salem July 29 th in full	0. 20
Oct. 7.	Bot a pair of steelyards of A. Northey, p ^d in full	1. 0

Oct. 7.	1. 0	Bot a pair of sheeps of A. Nor- they, p ^d in fall
	0. 20	Salem July 20 th in fall
15.	4. 17	Paid N. Perkins for pair of wheels to Pork pot of him Aug. 25, 25\
14.	0. 25	Paid Amos Foster in fall for 80 lb of skin in fall
Sep. 13.	0. 25	Paid John Hatch for carrying a calf Bot a bottle of British oil 1/6 p ^d in fall
July 29.	2. 0	Bot a pair of pants of Mr Butman, Tax for 1796, in fall
27.	8. 68	p ^d Simon Gould Jan. for the State p ^d T. Perkins Jan. for 4 Milk pans for the Town Tax in 1796
June 8.	2. 79\	p ^d Simon Gould Jan. balance in fall upper field
31.	0. 38	p ^d Roger Hatch for Taxes for Lydia's shoes on the Mine
19.	0. 75	p ^d Mr Kimball for 2 new & letting 2 p ^d Ben ^d Dodge for interest in fall
May 6.	4. 40	p ^d Ben ^d Hobbs for grating afternoon of leather
24.	0. 41\	Paid John Hatch for carrying a hide Town Tax for 1796
16.	0. 88	Paid Simon Gould Jan ^d part of the 1796
Mar. 11.	0. 88	p ^d Ben. Kimball for mowing July 21. 26 th
Feb. 28.	1. 50	p ^d Mr Kimball two dozen of ox helves in fall for an ax pot of him Jan ^d Bond
8.	67. 78	p ^d Mr Sawyer Jan ^d Adam to Mr Pier- pont's estate for Eliza & Lydia Towns in fall for their share of a Towns in fall for their share of a
Feb. 4.	28. 65	p ^d Mr. Bickett a Note 27\ Dollars prin- cipal, Total
27.	10. 66\	Bot 8 Bushels of Rye at 8\ p Bushel Nov. 1796
Jan. 24.	1. 5	Adam Hobbs making two Barrels D ^d p ^d 1 Doll. & 5 Cts in fall for

Oct. 7.	D ^o at Mr Mansfield's a Muslin Handkerchief, L. T.	0. 83
Sept. 30.	p ^d Young & Minns in full for the Mercury	2. 31
30.	Bot of E. Larkin, Morfe's Gazetteer at B. Rufsel's, Correspondence between Adet & Pickering	2. 0
	at John West's an Ink horn	0. 10
	at Gridley & Nolen's a Jacket Pattern	0. 18 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Bot $\frac{1}{2}$ of Adams' Defence with Mr. Willes in equal halves	0. 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oct. 9.	p ^d John Conant in full for a Gridiron	2. 0
	D ^o p ^d Mr S. Willes in full for money borrowed	1. 0
10.	p ^d Royal A. Meriam in full, 6/1	13. 20
12.	p ^d Amos Gallop for 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb beef at 4 ^d 11/2 ^d	1. 0
12.	p ^d Zeb Perkins in as ballance of accounts	1. 06
12.	p ^d Z. Perkins for sawing this day	18. 43
13.	p ^d Mr. Carleton (of Hamstead) in full for 4 barrels of Cyder	0. 50
14.	Cash p ^d A. Porter 2/3	13. 32 $\frac{1}{2}$
31.	Cash p ^d Deacon S. Dodge in p ^t for a Note of hand	0. 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nov. 6.	Cash p ^d Deacon Dodge in part for a Note of hand	20. 10
19.	p ^d Jacob Clarke in full of all accounts	30. 0
24.	Bot of J. Ramsdell two hen Turkies, p ^d in full	1. 22
21.	Paid J. Andrews in part of the Town Tax	1. 17
Dec. 13.	p ^d D. Balch for peck lime 1/ & mending crack in Chimney 1/9 ^d	6. 0
20.	p ^d Elisha Perkins for 6 sheep in full	0. 29
23.	p ^d Amos Foster for a Bushel of Rye	11. 50
		1. 31 $\frac{1}{4}$
1790		
Jan. 4.	p ^d Mr. Noyes for copy of Hafsoky meadow lots	0. 10

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Dec. 18.	28.	p ^d Amos Foster for a Haskel of Rye	1. 31½
	20.	p ^d Eliza Perkins for 8 sheep in full	11. 50
		ing crack in Chimney 1/9 ^d	0. 29
Dec. 18.		p ^d D. Balch for peck lime 1/2 & mend- Tax	6. 0
21.		Paid J. Andrews in part of the Town	1. 17
		p ^d in full	
24.		Bot of J. Ramsdell two hen Turkeys,	1. 22
18.		p ^d Jacob Clarke in full of all accounts	80. 0
Nov. 6.		Cash p ^d Deacon Dodge in part for a Note of hand	20. 10
31.		Cash p ^d Deacon S. Dodge in p ^d for a Note of hand	0. 27½
14.		Cash p ^d A. Foster 2/3	18. 32½
18.		p ^d Mr. Garretton (of Hamstead) in full for 4 barrels of Cyder	0. 50
18.		p ^d X. Perkins for sawing this day count	18. 48
12.		p ^d Neh Perkins in as balance of ac- count	1. 06
12.		p ^d Amos Gallop for 28½ lb beef at 4 ^d	1. 0
10.		p ^d Royal A. Meriam in full, 6/1	12. 20
Oct. 9.		p ^d Mr S. Willes in full for money borrowed	1. 0
		p ^d John Conant in full for a Grindstone Willes in equal halves	2. 0
		Bot 1/2 of Adams' Defense with Mr. Pattern	0. 62½
		at Grindley & Nolan's a Jacket at John West's an Ink horn	0. 18½
		between Abel & Pickering	0. 10
		at B. Rubels, Correspondence	2. 0
30.		Bot of B. Perkins, Morse's Gazetteer Mercury	2. 21
Sept. 30.		p ^d Young & Minns in full for the Kerschild, L. T.	0. 83
Oct. 7.		Do at Mr Mansfield's a Messlin Hand-	

Jan.	11.	p ^d Wid ^o Bree for Gown making &c	0. 25
	23.	p ^d Jonas Meriam for a Loggerhead	0. 22
Feb.	1.	p ^d Register of Deeds for searching the Records	0. 20
	2.	Bot 3 Bushel of Rye p ^d Elijah Brad- street	4. 0
	7.	p ^d Sol. Averell for Choping wood 2/6	0. 41½
	21.	p ^d Mr. Emerson in full for a Cow Ten Dollars (he having allowed 6 Dollars for making wall to fence out the Road Total for the Cow 16 Dols.)	10. 00
Mar.	31.	p ^d Endicott for currying a calf skin	0. 21
Mar.	6.	Pd Jos. Andrews in full for the Town Tax	5. 63
	6.	P ^d 2/9 ^d for Nath. Fisk Jun. making a pair of Cloth Shoes L. T.	0. 45½
Feb.	27.	Bot 4 Bushels of Rye meal p ^d D ^r Meriam of Middleton	5. 17
May	11.	p ^d M ^{rs} M. Williams for altering &c a Bonnet 6/6	1. 8½
	22.	Bot No. 1 Vol. 5 of Historical Col- lections	0. 25
	29.	Bot Harper's Address to his Constitu- ents in May 1797	0. 31

Account of Payments Rec^d

1794

Jan.	1	Major Gould p ^d for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
	2	Mr. Roger Balch paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
	3	Mr. A. Conant paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
	7	Oliver Perkins Jun. paid for a sing- ing Book	0. 4. 6
	10	Joshua Towne paid for a finging Book	0. 4. 6
	14	David Perkins Jun. paid for a finging Book	0. 4. 6
	D ^o	Jos. Averell paid for a finging Book	0. 4. 6
	22	John Bradstreet 2 ^d paid for a fing- ing Book	0. 4. 6

Jan. 11.	11.	pa Widow Bree for Cow making &c	0. 25
28.	28.	pa Joana Alenham for a Loggishend	0. 25
Feb. 1.	1.	pa Register of Deeds for searching the Records	0. 25
2.	2.	Bot 8 Bushels of Rye pa Elijah Bradstreet	4. 0
7.	7.	pa Sol. Averell for Chopping wood 2/5	0. 41 1/2
21.	21.	pa Mr. Emerson in full for a Cow Ten Dollars	10. 00
		(he having allowed 6 Dollars for making wall to fence out the Road Total for the Cow 16 Dols)	
Mar. 31.	31.	pa Endicott for carrying a calf skin	0. 21
Mar. 6.	6.	pa Jos. Andrews in full for the Town Tax	6. 08
6.	6.	pa 2/5 for Nath. Fisk Jun. making a pair of Cloth Shoes A. T.	0. 45 1/2
Feb. 27.	27.	Bot 4 Bushels of Rye meal pa D. Merriam of Middleton	5. 17
May 11.	11.	pa M ^{rs} M. Williams for altering &c a Bonnet 6/8	1. 84
22.	22.	Bot No. 1 Vol. 5 of Historical Collections	0. 25
26.	26.	Bot Harper's Address to his Constituents in May 1797	0. 31

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2	2	Mr. Roger Hatch paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
3	3	Mr. A. Conant paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
7	7	Oliver Perkins Jun. paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
10	10	John Towne paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
14	14	David Perkins Jun. paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
Do	Do	Jos. Averell paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6
23	23	John Bradstreet 2 ^d paid for a singing Book	0. 4. 6

Feb. 12	Mr. Moses Perkins p ^d for a finging Book	0. 4. 6
8	Mr. Aaron Conant paid 6/3 ^d for his his part of the Mercury the year past ending Feb. 2 ^d	0. 6. 8
21	Nath ^l P. Averell paid for a finging Book	0. 4. 6
Mar. 4	John Conant 2 ^d paid for a finging Book	0. 4. 6
7	Abraham Hobbs Jun. p ^d for finging Book	0. 4. 6
31	Rec ^d 26/5 ^d for 42 feet of White Oak Timber	1. 6. 5
Apr. 25	Rec ^d 23/2 ^d for 38½ feet of White Oak Timber	1. 3. 5
May	Mr A. Conant p ^d 1/8 for his part of the Mercury one quarter	
1794		
June 3	Rec ^d of Eben Pope of Salem 13¾ Dollars for Hay sold to him this day 13 C & ¾	4. 2. 6
27	R. Perkins Jun. p ^d for a Calfskin & for a Kip skin	0. 5. 3 0. 5. 0
July 10	Mr P. Woodberry p ^d 4 dollars as balance of Acc ^{ts}	1. 4. 0
7	Mr Briggs p ^d 52/ for 80 feet of Timber	2. 12 0
Sept. 1	Rec ^d of Roger Balch 7/ in full for two pigs he bot June 13	0. 7. 0
9	Rec ^d of P. Woodberry Six Dollars for half a Thousand of Hogshead Staves	1. 16. 0
Oct. 6	Rec ^d of Thos. Kimball 6/ & 7 rec ^d 8/3 for about 24 feet of white oak Timber	0. 14. 3
7	Rec ^d of P. Woodberry for 3½ hundred of Hogshead Staves	1. 4. 0
Nov. 1	Capt. Jona. Peele p ^d for 6½ ft of Bark	1. 10. 0
Dec. 2	Jos. Averell p ^d 2/ for his part of a quarter of a Ticket in Hartford State House Lottery	0. 2. 0

Feb. 13	Mr. Moses Perkins p ^d for a Ringing ing Book	0.4.6
8	Mr. Aaron Constant paid 62 ^d for his his part of the Mercury the year past ending Feb. 2 ^d	0.6.8
31	Wash. P. Averell paid for a Ringing Book	0.4.6
Mar. 4	John Constant 2 ^d paid for a Ringing Book	0.4.6
7	Abraham Hobbs Jun. p ^d for Ringing Book	0.4.6
31	Rec ^d 28/5 ^d for 42 feet of White Oak Timber	1.6.6
Apr. 25	Rec ^d 23/2 ^d for 284 feet of White Oak Timber	1.8.6
May	Mr. A. Constant p ^d 1/8 for his part of the Mercury one quarter	
1794		
June 8	Rec ^d of Eben Pope of Salem 13 ^d Dol- lars for Hay sold to him this day	4.2.6
27	R. Perkins Jun. p ^d for a Calskin & for a Kip skin	0.5.8 0.5.0
July 10	Mr. P. Woodberry p ^d 4 Dollars as bal- ance of Acc ^t	1.4.0
7	Mr. Briggs p ^d 62 ^d for 80 feet of Tim- ber	2.12.0
Sept. 1	Rec ^d of Roger Hatch 7 in full for two pigs he got June 13	0.7.0
9	Rec ^d of P. Woodberry Six Dollars for half a Thousand of Hogshead Staves	1.10.0
Oct. 6	Rec ^d of Thos. Kimball 6 ^d & 7 rec ^d 8/3 for about 24 feet of white oak Timber	0.14.8
7	Rec ^d of P. Woodberry for 24 hundred of Hogshead Staves	1.4.0
Nov. 1	Capt. John Fiske p ^d for 64 feet Bark	1.10.0
Dec. 2	Jos. Averell p ^d 2 ^d for his part of a quarter of a Ticket in Hartford State House Lottery	0.2.0

Dec. 26 Rec^d of Cornelius Cree two Dollars
in part for his Improvement of the
Mine Lot the last Season 0. 12. 0

1795

Jan. 29 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ C Hay sold to James Dunlap at
19 Dollars per Ton 4. 15. 5

Mar. 2 Sold 26 feet white Oak Timber to E.
Batchelder, Rec^d payment 0. 18. 10

12 Sold to Mr Becket 24 feet of White
Oak & 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. yellow oak Timber
24/9. Rec^d payment April 1st 1. 4. 9

Apr. 10 Sold to Mr Becket 51 feet of white
oak. Rec^d Payment 1. 18. 3

30 Rob^t Perkins Jun. p^d for a Cow hide
and a Calf skin & 1 little one 1. 2. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

May 5 Rob^t Perkins Jun. p^d for a heifers hide 0. 10. 6

1795

June 9 Rec^d at Carlton's 13/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ being the Sum
due as a prize for a Quarter of a
Ticket in Hartford State House
Lottery No. 12795—Belonging to
S. Willes J. Towne, 3^d, J. Averell
& J. Conant.

Sept. 22 Cornelius Cree p^d one Dollar in part
for his improvement of the Mine
Lot in 1794.

Oct. 3 Sold to Dr Long, 5 lb for me & 3 lb
for Lydia of Beeswax at 2/7^d p lb. 1. 0. 8

Tub of Honey, the whole 38 lb. the
Tub 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. The Honey 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 1. 11. 11

For Lydia, the Whole 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb the Tub
6 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. The Honey 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Rec^d
Payment 0. 18. 8

Oct. 6 Sold two Dozen of Fowls—6 Dollars

Oct. 16 Cornelius Cree p^d two Dollars in full
for his Improvement of the Mine
Lot in 1794

1796

Apr. 21 K. Perkins Jun. p^d for a Cow hide 3
Dollars.

Dec. 26	Recd of Cornelius Cree two Dollars in part for his improvement of the Mine for the last season	0.12.0
1785		
Jan. 23	16½ C Hay sold to James Dunlap at 12 Dollars per Ton	4.15.6
Mar. 2	Sold 25 feet white Oak Timber to E. Hatcherden, Recd payment	0.12.10
12	Sold to Mr Becket 24 feet of White Oak & 10½ lb yellow oak Timber	1.4.9
Apr. 10	Sold to Mr Becket 51 feet of white oak Recd Payment	1.12.8
80	Robt Perkins Jun. p ^d for a Cow hide and a Calf skin & 1 little one	1.2.84
May 5	Robt Perkins Jun. p ^d for a bellers hide	0.10.8
1785		
June 9	Recd at Carlton's 12½ being the sum due as a prize for a Quarter of a Ticket in Hartford State House Lottery No. 12795—Belonging to S. Wilkes J. Towne, S ^r J. Averell & J. Conant	
Sept. 22	Cornelius Cree p ^d one Dollar in part for his improvement of the Mine	
Oct. 8	Sold to Dr Long, 5 lb for me & 3 lb for Lydia of Westward at 2½ p lb.	1.0.8
	Tab of Honey, the whole 82 lb. the	
	Tab 84 lb. The Honey 304 lb.	1.11.11
	For Lydia, the Whole 224 lb. the Tab 67 lb. The Honey 124 lb. Recd Payment	0.18.8
Oct. 6	Sold two Dozen of Fowls—6 Dollars	
Oct. 16	Cornelius Cree p ^d two Dollars in full for his improvement of the Mine	
1786		
Apr. 21	K. Perkins Jun. p ^d for a Cow hide 2 Dollars	

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Dartmouth University May

Respected Friend.

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I would inform you that in the Last Wednesday of this month our class will have a public exhibition in the Chapel which is a customary, annual appointment for the Sophomore classes.

As epistles are not commonly for the prefs, we write upon as many topics as fancy dictates. Great is the advantage put in our hands to get wisdom; but knowledge is not to be obtained only by close application and industry; but the application of four years runs almost imperceptibly away, and we scarcely know that we have learnt any thing; the comprehension or knowledge of one thing is only opening the door for the investigation of another, the more vacuums or windows to the field of science greater are the splendid refractions of light.

Left I should not have room, to discuss the first mentioned subject, I with pleasure resume the Theme. One of my class-mates is about removing to Cambridge, and I expect, if life and health permit, to be his company.

We think it proper, together with judicious and friendly advice, to enter there at Commencement time. If this plan meets with success, I shall come home so as to enter at commencement.

Much more might be said; but perhaps not without impropriety, and intruding upon epistolary writing, I shall conclude by subscribing myself your friend.

Isaac Averell.

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[To] Mr. Jacob Towne tertius, Topsfield.

*See Topsfield Historical Collections, Vol. 17, p. 72.

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Edgecombe 4 June 1795

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[To] Mr Jacob Towne, Topsfield.

JOSEPH ANDREWS TO MRS. LYDIA TOWNE.

Topsfield June the 18 day 1795

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Yours &c Joseph Andrews
to mrs Lydia Towne in Topsfield.

ASAHEL SMITH TO JACOB TOWNE.

Tunbridge Jan^r 14th 1796

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having a favorable opportunity altho on very short Notice, I with Joy & gratitude embrace it. Returning hearwith

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my most hartly thanks for your Respect Shone in your faver of the 30th of Nov^r by m^r Willes which I view as a Singular Specimen of friendship which has very Little bean practised by any of my frinds in Topsfield, altho often requested

My famely is all, threw the goodnefs of the Divine Benediction, in a Tolerable good State of health and Desier to be remembered to you and to all inquiring frinds

I have set me up a New house, sence mr wildes was heer, and expect to remove into it Next Spring, and to begin again on an intire new farme and my Son Joseph will Live on the old farme (if this that has bean but 4 year occupied Can be Called old) and Carry it on at the halves, which half I hope will nearly furnish my famely with food, whilst I with my four youngest Sons shall in-deaver to Bring to a Nother farme &c

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as to the Jacobine party they are not very numerous hear, or if they are they are pretty still, there is Some in this State (viz) in Bennington, who Like other Children Crying for a Rattle have Blared out against their Rulers, in hopes to rest from them if possible, what they esteem, the plaything of power & trust. But they have Bean pretty well whipt, and have Become Tolerabley Quiet again and I am in hopes if they Live to arive at the years of Disgreffion. when the empier of reason shall take place, that they will then become good members of Societty notwithstanding their noisey nicious behaviour in their childhood, for which they was neither capable of hearing or giving aney reason

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my most hearty thanks for your Respect Shown in your favor of the 30th of Nov. by Mr. Wilkes which I view as a singular specimen of friendship which has very little been purchased by any of my friends in Topsfield, and often requested.

My family is all, thro' the goodness of the Divine Benediction, in a tolerable good state of health and Desires to be remembered to you and to all inquiring friends.

I have set me up a New house, and the winter was here, and expect to remove into it Next Spring, and to begin again on an entire new farm and my son Joseph will live on the old farm (if this has been but a year occupied Can be Called old) and Carry it on at the halves, which half I hope will nearly furnish my family with food, whilst I with my four youngest sons shall endeavor to bring to a New farm &c.

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as to the Jacobine party they are not very numerous here, or if they are they are pretty still, there is some in this State (viz) in Bennington, who like other Children, Crying for a Battle have turned out against their Rulers, in hopes to rest from them if possible, what they esteem the playing of power & trust. But they have been pretty well whipped, and have become Tolstoy's Quits again and I am in hopes if they live to arrive at the years of Discretion, when the empire of reason shall take place, that they will then become good members of Society notwithstanding their noisy mischievous behavior in their childhood, for which they was neither capable of hearing or giving any reason.

for my part I am so willing to trust the government of the world in the hands of the Supreme ruler of universal Nature, that I do not at present wish to try to wrest it out of his hands, and I have so much Confidence in his abilities to teach our Senators wisdom, that I do not think it worth while for me to inquire from the Little Stock of knowledge that he has favored me with in the affair, either one way or the other. he has Conducted us

threw a glorious revelation and has Brought us into the promised Land of peace & Liberty, and I Believe that he is about to Bring all the world into the Same Beatitude in his own time & way which, altho his way appear never so inconsistent to our Bliend reason, yet may be perfectly Consistent with his Designs and I Believe that the Stone is now Cut out of the mountain without hands, spoken of by Daniel and his Smitten the image upon his feet, By which the iron, the Clay, the Brass, the Silver, and the gold (viz) all monarical and eccliesastical Terony will be Broken to peaces and Becom as the Chaff of the Summer Thrashing flore the wind Shall carry them all away that there shall be no place found for them

Give my Best regards to your parents and tell them that I have taken up with the Eleventh Commandment that the Negro Tought to the minister, which was thus the minister asked the Negro how maney commandments there was, his answere was, Eleven Sir. aye, replyd the other, what is the Eleventh, that is one I Never heard of the Eleventh Commandment, Sir, is, miend your own Businefs.

So I Chuse to Do, and give my Self but Little Concernes about what pases in the political world. I expect my Son Joseph* will be married in a few days. give my Best regards to Dr Meriam, mr Willes, Joseph Dorman, and mr Cree, and tell mr Cree I thank him for his respects and hope he will accept of mine. write to me as often & as Large as you can and oblige your Sincere frind & well wisher

mr Jacob Town Ju^r

Asahel Smith

[On page 2] give my harty thanks to mr Charles Rogers for his Respect shown in writing me a few Lines and tell him that I Should a wrote to him now had I had Time But Now Wave it for the present, as I have Considerable part of what I intend to you

if I Should Live & Do well I expect to Come to Topsfield my Self next winter, which if I Do I Shall Come and pay you a visit. fair well

tell mr Joseph Cree that if he will Come hear and Set

*The father of Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism.

threw a glorious revelation and has brought us into the promised land of peace & liberty, and I believe that he is about to bring all the world into the same position in his own time & way which, altho his way appears never so inconsistent to our blind reason, yet may be perfectly consistent with his Design and I believe that the Stone is now cut out of the mountain without hands, spoken of by Daniel and his scattered the image upon his feet. By which the iron, the Clay, the Brass, the Silver, and the gold (viz) all monarchical and ecclesiastical Tyranny will be broken to pieces and become as the Chaff of the Summer Threshing, for the wind shall carry them all away that there shall be no place found for them.

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So I Ourselves to Do, and give my Self but little concern about what passes in the political world. I expect my Son Joseph* will be married in a few days. Give my best regards to Dr Meriam, Mr Willis, Joseph Dorman, and Mr Crook, and tell Mr Crook I thank him for his respects and hope he will accept of mine. Write to me as often & as large as you can and oblige your sincere friend & well wisher

my Jacob Town Jr
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tell Mr Joseph Crook that if he will come hear and see

up his trade I will warrant him as much work as he can Do, and good pay.

[To] M^r Jacob Town Topsfield Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SAMUEL BRADSTREET

Imports directly from the Manufacturers of *London, Bristol, Birmingham* and *Sheffield*, and has for Sale, by Wholesale or Retail, as cheap as sold in *Boston*,

A great Variety of Hardware Goods, consisting of Bristol Crown Glafs of all fizes—Brafs Kettles and Warming Pans—London and Bristol Pewter—Church Flaggons, Chriftening Bafons, Tankards and Cups—Shot and Lead—German and Englifh Steel—Smiths' Anvils and Vices—Sheet Iron—Seine Twine—bef of large Corn Fans, &c, &c.

N. B. Cafh given for Old Pewter and Brafs.

[On reverse] "Charlestown April 6th, 1797 4 Corn Fans at 24/ £4.16.0

Received payment Saml Bradstreet.

Boston November the 5th 1797

Worthy mifs yours I Received with transports of Joy I broke Open the feals with modesty and Decency and my greedy Eyes foon Devourd the Lines of profound wifdom there worthy to be Drawn in Letters of gold o thou Epitomy of Nature whose Beauty exceeds that of owls of Batts of harpes and of all the Rest of winged monfters and if I furvey the morpelite animals, fuch as poine hedghogs monkeys apes and the Like I find they are mean compared with the and if I view the fifh that glide up and Down the filver fstreams and cut the foaming waves In the anclantic ocean fuch as haddock phlace and flounders I fhould find them unclean Compared with the who can help admiring a creature whose Beauty far fufpafes all the Excrementious throngs of ternal mumies and whose finiles far Exceeds the ugly grinnings of the Babboons of tartarys methinks Nature hath Done Its work to pantilia in

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[To] Mr. Jacob Town Topfield Commonwealth of Mass.
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—German and English Steel—Smiths' Anvils and Vices
—Sheet Iron—Seine Twine—best of large Corn Pans,
&c. &c.

N. B. Cash given for Old Pewter and Brass.
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Worthy mine yours I Received with transports of Joy
I broke Open the seals with modesty and Decency and my
greedy Eyes soon Devoured the lines of profound wisdom
there worthy to be Drawn in Letters of gold o thou
Epitome of Nature whole Beauty exceeds that of oaks
of Bats of harpes and of all the Rest of winged monsters
and if I survey the opposite animals, such as porpoise
hedgehog monkeys apes and the like I find they are mean
compared with thee and if I view the fish that glide up and
Down the river streams and out the looming waves in the
enchantic ocean such as halibut plaice and flounders I
should find them meaner Compared with the who can
help admiring a creature whole Beauty far surpasses all the
Excermentions of the most learned and whole fishes
far Exceeds the ugly grimaces of the Haddons of the
cave methinks Nature hath done the work to justify in

the form of your Beautifull Body and bath furnished
your mind with Excelent Qualifications in arts and science
and if you proceed Peradventure you will fhortly be fit
for a Climate where arts And sciences are wholly ufeless

From your Friend

ANNE PERKINS TO MOLLY PERKINS.

Loving coufin after my love to you I would inform
you that I am well and hope these few lines will find you
so I want to see more than I ever did but dont know
when I shall I have no news to write to you only Betty
Sweet was married laft winter and moved to Wafhington
the twenty fecond day of June remember me to my
cousin foster tell her I want to see her very much write
me a letter as soon as you can to let me know how you
do so no more at prefent but I remain your coufin

Unity Auguft 15

Anne Perkins

To Mifs Molly Perkins.

ELIJAH TOWNE TO JACOB TOWNE.

Sturbridge, Nov 13th 1800

Honord Uncle

An opportunity presenting I now embrace it to write a
few lines to you hoping they may find you in good heaith
as they at present leave me I have to inform you of the
death of My father who died about three week past after
a sicknefs of three weeks his disorder was the gravel

I wish you to write to me first opportunity you have
for I wish to hear from my friends

I remain your loving Nephew

Mr Jacob Towne

Elijah Towne

REV. ASAHEL HUNTINGTON TO JOSEPH CREE.

Topsfield 28th Augst, 1802

Sir

I expect to complete the month at this houle on Wednes-
day next. On Thursday next I hope to be ready to begin
the fchool near the meeting houle if the committee pleefe.

the form of your Beautiful Body and bath furnished
your mind with Excellent Qualifications in arts and sciences
and if you proceed Forwardventure you will shortly be fit
for a Climate where arts And sciences are wholly useless
From your Friend

ANNE PARKINS TO MARY PARKINS.

I loving cousin after my love to you I would inform
you that I am well and hope these few lines will find you
so I want to see more than I ever did but don't know
when I shall I have no news to write to you only Betty
Sweet was married last winter and moved to Washington
the twenty second day of June remember me to my
cousin foster tell her I want to see her very much write
me a letter as soon as you can to let me know how you
do so no more at present but I remain your cousin
Anne Parkins

Unity August 12

To Miss Molly Perkins.

ELIJAH TOWN TO JACOB TOWN.

Sturbridge, Nov 13th 1800

Honored Uncle

An opportunity presenting I now embrace it to write a
few lines to you hoping they may find you in good health
as they at present leave me I have to inform you of the
death of my father who died about three weeks past after
a sickness of three weeks his disorder was the gravel
I wish you to write to me first opportunity you have
for I wish to hear from my friends

I remain your loving Nephew

Elijah Towne

Mr. Jacob Towne

REV. ASAPH HUNTINGTON TO JOSEPH GREEN.

Topsfield 28th Aug. 1802

Sir

I expect to complete the month at this house on Wednesday
day next. On Thursday next I hope to be ready to begin
the school near the meeting house in the autumnal period.

I forgot to call this morning at your house & give you this information.

I send you this word that you may put up a notification to-morrow.

Your humble Serv^t

[To] M^r Joseph Cree.

Afahel Huntington

DAVID BALCH TO JACOB TOWNE.

Topsfield February : 2th 1803

kind Sir I now take this oppertuny to tell you of Ben grays be havers at School he Pushed our Polly up a ginft the foor Door & hurt hir very much in going out of the Door, Elisha Huntiton he laid him over the toop of the iner Door on his Bowels to Day noon. if their is not a meediat Stoop Putt to Such Behavior I feer murder must take Plais. he ought not for to be left in the School hous at noon. I See no beter way than the way you Did yefterday turn theas Large ones out of the School, from a friend I wifh you well m^r Town if mine Donte behav weell I wifh to now it

David Balch.

I wish you would order the large ones out of the School house the first, or gray will run over you as he did over m^r Stetfon

To M^r Jacob Town Topsfield

ASA WILDES TO JACOB TOWNE.

Topsfield March the 8th 1803

M^r Towne many have thought you could not work the following Sum that I understand M^r T Cummings sent to you I think you Can work it and I would be very glad if you would be send me the work at large.

Suppose I exchange 4£ 10s 10^d for 11 Crowns and 4 Dollars and at another time I have 4 Crowns and 3 Dollars for 1£ 15s each being of the same value with the first what is the value of a Crown and of a Dollar.

Your humble Servant

Asa Wildes

It is Night and my pen is poor and I have not time to write any more

I forgot to call this morning at your house & give you
this information.
I send you this word that you may put up a notification
to-morrow.

Your humble Servt
Abner Huntington

DAVID BALCH TO JACOB TOWNE

Topsfield February 2nd 1803
Kind Sir I now take this opportunity to tell you of how
grateful he is to you at School he has been very much
the poor Door & hurt his very much in going out of the
Door, Eliza Huntington he told him over the top of the
inner Door on his Bowels to Day noon. If that is not a
needless Stoop-Fall to such Behavior I fear mankind must
take care. he ought not to be left in the School house
at noon. I see no better way than the way you did get
today turn these large ones out of the School from a
friend I wish you well in Town if mine Don't behave
well I wish to now it

David Balch
I wish you would order the large ones out of the School
house the first or they will run over you as he did over
my Station
To Mr Jacob Towne Topsfield

AAR WILKES TO JACOB TOWNE

Topsfield March the 8th 1803
Mr Towne many have thought you could not work the
following sum that I understand Mr T Cummings sent to
you I think you can work it and I would be very glad
if you would be send me the work at large.
Suppose I exchange 4 £ 10s 10d for 11 Crowns and 4
Dollars and at another time I have 4 Crowns and 8 1/2
pence for 1 £ 15s each being of the same value with the
first what is the value of a Crown and of a Dollar.
Your humble Servant

AAR WILKES
It is Night and my pen is poor and I have not time to
write any more

SYLVANUS WILDES TO JACOB TOWNE.

Boston Feb^{ry} y^e 7th 1803

Sir

I take this opportunity to mention some few occurrences. you see by the papers the turn the election took, but I hope the next as (Foster is expected every day to send in his Resignation) will terminate in favour of Timothy — I expect prtly warm work this week and next relative to Princes Turnpike which will be vehemently opposed by Essex Bridge and Salem Turnpike Corporations they looked on princes project as chymical untill he had leave to bring in a bill and finding the sudden sale of the shares.

Princes Turnpike consists of 1000 shares which makes 100 000 Dollars 60 000 Dollars was subscribed in Boston in half a day and all the shares taken up in one day if he would have disposed of them Prescot on saturday when he first understood the rapid sale of the shares in a very solemn manner moved for a reconsideration of a vote for giving leave to bring in a bill, or for a time to be assigned for discussing of the propriety of giving leave to bring in a bill neither of which obtained. Thorndike seems violently agitated, but seems to be the agitation of despair. the Boston seat I think will be unanimous in support of it particular will [it] be ably advocated by Messers Otis & Lowell the latter of whom I heard tell Prescot, that had In general been pretty indifferent relative to the Transactions of the present session but on this subject he was determined to exert all his tallants.

I have at several different times Conversed with Capt Prince and have twice seen his plan. he says he must vary it fifty or sixty rods to the eastward in order for better ground, and avoid Lynn ridge—the five last miles are the worst part of the way but practicable—the five first he says that 30 rods one way or the other out of a straight line would be impracticable.

N. B. he has the every mile marked with its number laid down on his plan and the kind of Land.

From yours &c

Sylvanus Wildes

SYLVANUS WILDES TO JACOB TOWNH

Boston Feb'y 7th 1863

Sir

I take this opportunity to mention some few occurrences. You see by the papers the turn the election took, but I hope the next as (Foster is expected every day to send in his Resignation) will terminate in favour of Tim-othy — I expect very warm work this week and next relative to Princes Turnpike which will be vehemently opposed by Essex Bridge and Salem Turnpike Corporations. They looked on princes project as chimerical and till he had leave to bring in a bill and finding the sudden sale of the shares.

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I have at several different times conversed with Capt. Prince and have twice seen his plan. he says he must vary it fifty or sixty rods to the eastward in order for better ground, and avoid Lynn ridge—the five last miles are the worst part of the way but practicable—the five first he says that 30 rods one way or the other out of a straight line would be impracticable.

N. H. he has the every mile marked with its number laid down on his plan and the kind of land.

Yours &c

Sylvanus Wildes

To Jacob Towne

you are hereby warned to meet at the usual Place of Parade in Topsfield on wednesday the 19th at 10 of the clock A. M. with arms Complete for training as the law directs and there wait further orders by order of Capt John Bradstreet Topsfield

October 14th 1803

Bishop Bordman

Topsfield Jan 25th 1804

Sir,

The committee for visiting schools, have concluded to visit your school tomorrow at 3 o'clock P. M.

I should have given you the notice a day or two sooner, but thro forgetfulness I have neglected it.

Yours respectfully

A. Huntington.

Mr Jacob Towne 3^d

EDMOND TOWNE TO JACOB TOWNE.

Windsor, Vermont, March 23, 1811

Respected friend

gladly do I imbrace the present opportunity to send you A line to let you know that we are well, hope this will find you so. I should be very glad to once more Visit my friends at Topsfield, but age prevents me. I lately heard that my Brother Elijah was very sick and not likely to live. I want you should write to me and let me know wether he is living or not, for I feel anxious to hear from him to know wether he is in the land of the living. I should be very glad to have you come and visit me, if you ever have opportunity. Was I young as you are the length of the way would be no hindrance to me. I would soon see you, but old age deprives us of the pleasures of youth and we must submit to it. Please to remember my love and your Aunts to Sister Perkins. our Love to you all and wishes for your welfare this from your uncle

Edmond Towne

[To] Mr. Jacob Towne

Topsfield Massachusetts

To Jacob Towne
 You are hereby warned to meet at the usual place of
 Parade in Topsheld on Wednesday the 19th at 10 of the
 clock A. M. with arms complete for training as the law
 directs and there wait further orders by order of Capt
 John Bradstreet Topsheld
 October 14th 1803

Bishop Borden

Topsheld Jan 25th 1804

Sir,
 The committee for visiting schools, have concluded to
 visit your school tomorrow at 8 o'clock P. M.
 I should have given you the notice a day or two sooner,
 but thro forgetfulness I have neglected it.
 Yours respectfully
 A. Huntington.

Mr Jacob Towne 2^d

Enox Town to Jacob Towne

Windsor, Vermont, March 28, 1811

Respected friend
 Gladly do I embrace the present opportunity to send
 you a line to let you know that we are well, hope this
 will find you so. I should be very glad to once more
 visit my friends at Topsheld, but age prevents me. I
 lately heard that my brother Elijah was very sick and not
 likely to live. I want you should write to me and let me
 know whether he is living or not for I feel anxious to hear
 from him to know whether he is in the land of the living.
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 soon see you, but old age deprives us of the pleasures of
 youth and we must submit to it. Please to remember my
 love and your Aunt to Sister Fobbs. Our love to you
 all and wishes for your welfare this from your uncle
 Edmund Towne

[To] Mr. Jacob Towne

Topsheld Massachusetts

Take Notice

The subscribers Respectfully informe their friends and the Publice that they have Constantly for Sale at there Shop in Perkins row So Called a quantity of Saddles and bridles Neatly ornimented which they offer for Sale Cheap for Cash or approved Credit for Ninety days

Take Notice

Cafh and the highest Price given for all kind of har-nice Leather at there shop Also at there office upstairs over s^d Shop Commifision given to quartermasters

George Thomas

John Perkins, Jun.

Topsfield, March 13th 1815

MR. NEHEMIAH CLEAVELAND TO JACOB TOWNE.

Boston 23^d Jan 1816

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you a very rough draft of a *bill* I wish [you] to examine and alter and correct it and transcribe it, so as to have it ready for me when I come home. I did think of adding a sectⁿ to provide a penalty but upon reflection I have thought it not best. I am persuaded it would not pass & it would create some suspicion of bad design. I send you some papers which you may look over & hand some of them to my wife. There are many petitions presented respecting the sub. I hope your Petⁿ will come on soon. I understand by a letter from Mr Hurlbutt that you propose to have your Petⁿ is to be signed by the Committee of the morral evil I think that will do very well. I understand there was to be a convenⁿ on the subject today at Topsfield. I hope it will be or has been well attended especially by Topsfield men. What success will attend the exertions is difficult to predict—I fear not great—there is a committee to whom all these pet^{ns} are committed the comm^{tee} are Cleaveland & Adams of the Senate and Doolittle of Belchertown Levi Lincoln of Worcester and Knap of Nport on the part of the house no

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The Publishers Respectfully inform their friends and the Public that they have Constantly for Sale at their Shop in Perkins row So Called a quantity of Saddles and bridles Neatly ornamented which they offer for Sale Cheap for Cash or approved Credit for Ninety days

Take Notice

Cash and the highest Price given for all kind of harness Leather at their shop Also at their office upstairs over a Shop Commission given to quartermasters

George Thomas
John Perkins, Junr.

Topsfield, March 13th 1816

MR. NICHOLAS CLEVELAND TO JACOB TOWNE.

Boston 23rd Jan 1816

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send you a very rough draft of a bill I wish [you] to examine and alter and correct it and transcribe it so as to have it ready for me when I come home. I did think of adding a sectⁿ to provide a penalty but upon reflection I have thought it not best. I am persuaded it would not pass as it would create some suspicion of bad design. I send you some papers which you may look over & hand some of them to my wife. There are many petitions presented respecting the sub. I hope your Petⁿ will come on soon. I understand by a letter from Mr. Hubbard that you propose to have your Petⁿ is to be signed by the Committee of the moral evil. I think that will do very well. I understand there was to be a conven^t on the subject today at Topsfield. I hope it will be as has been well attended especially by Topsfield men. What success will attend the exertions is difficult to predict—I fear not great—there is a committee to whom all these petⁿs are committed. The comm^{tee} are Cleveland & Adams of the Senate and Doolittle of Belchertown Levi Lincoln of Worcester and Knapp of Noy at on the part of the house no

doubt the committee or majority of them would agree to an efficient report, but there is no probability of carrying any thing very important through the Court. there appears a very great hostility to giving the Tything Men much power. If the collector of direct taxes has been to Topsfield I hope you took a memmoranum of my taxes as well as your own. I believe Exchequer bills may be bought at from 8 to 10 discount. More of this when I see you. Yours with much esteem.

N. Cleaveland.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR A BIBLE FOR THE PULPIT.

We the subscribers engage to pay the several sumes affixed to our names for the purpose of purchasing a Bible for the pulpit in Topsfield

Names	Sumes	Names	Sumes
Nellie Hood	50	Mehetabel Gould	50
Ruth Emerson	75	Sophia Gould	50
Lucy Cleaveland	50	Lydia Peabody	50
Mary Cleaveland	50	Annar Pingree	50
Lydia Bradstreet	50	Sarah Pike	50
Almira Meriam	50	Mary Balch	25
Betsey Perley	1 00	Sarah Balch	25
Esther Wildes	50	Sally Gray	25
Susan Wildes	50	Huldah Gould	50
Mary Towne	50	Eunice Gould	50
Ruth Hood	50	Susan Cummings	50
Betsey Symonds	50	Sally Rea	50
Abigail Hammond	50	Mercea Lamson	75
Ruth Bradstreet	50	Harriet Josephine Emer-	
Nabby Perkins	50	son	75
Elisabeth Perkins	50	Eunice Conant	25

The Bible was placed in the Pulpit June 23, 1816.

Topsfield April 11 1821

To M^r Frederick Hood

Sir having Received a letter from you dated March 15 requesting us to give you Some information whether

doubt the committee or majority of them would agree to an efficient report, but there is no probability of carrying any thing very important through the Court. There appears a very great hostility to giving the Typing Men much power. If the collector of direct taxes has been to Topsheld I hope you took a memorandum of my taxes as well as your own. I believe Exchequer bills may be bought at from 8 to 10 discount. More of this when I see you. Yours with much esteem.

M. Cleveland.

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Nellie Hood	50	Mehetabel Gould	50
Ruth Emerson	75	Sophia Gould	50
Lucy Cleveland	50	Lydia Peabody	50
Mary Cleveland	50	Anna Pingree	50
Lydia Bradstreet	50	Sarah Pike	50
Almira Meriam	50	Mary Hatch	25
Betsy Perley	1 00	Sarah Hatch	25
Father Wildes	50	Sally Gray	25
Samuel Wildes	50	Harriet Gould	50
Mary Towne	50	Fannie Gould	50
Ruth Hood	50	Susan Cummings	50
Betsy Symonds	50	Sally Reed	50
Abigail Hammond	50	Mercer Lamson	75
Ruth Bradstreet	50	Harriet Josephine Emerson	50
Nabby Perkins	50	son	75
Elizabeth Perkins	50	Fannie Conant	25

The Bible was placed in the Pulpit June 28, 1816.

Topsheld April 11 1821

To Mr. Frederick Hood
Sir - having received a letter from you dated March 15
requesting us to give you some information whether

Mess. John Hood William Perkins Phillip McKenzie and Doct Frederick Meriam were living and if a live where they lived Sir we have made some considerable inquiras respecting the above named persons and can inform you that Mr John Hood is a live and lives in Topsfield Massachusetts State. Mr Phillip McKenzie was alive last September and was then living in the town of Waltham near Vergennes in the State of Vermont. Mr Perkins is dead. we are of the opinion that you must have refference to Doct John Meriam, instead of Frederick Meriam, as there was a Doct John Meriam in Topsfield, but he is dead, he has been dead about three years. Their is no Doct Frederick Meriam in the Town nor never was.

JACOB PERKINS TO JACOB TOWNE.

Unity Oct. 25th 1824.

Very Dear friend.

I set out for the western contry 24th last May with my wife little waggon and two horses and arived at Philadelphia in nine days 321 miles stayed with Joseph four days then set out for Ohio and arived at Scipio in seventeen days 495 miles stayed with my children M. Ray and Hannah nine days July 5th set out for Darby where Br. Elisha's folks live and arived 10th in the morning 114 I was so sick while there that I never expected to get away but God was merciful and blessed the means that woore used and I recovered so as to set out for home July 22nd and arived to my family in peace August 21st about one O'clock for which mercy I had great reason to be thankful.

I was so weak when I set out for home that I could but just get into the waggon when I got home I was some better I have been worse and better several times since I have been at home, but have of late grown very weak and am now unable to walk the room without a staff I have a general weakness through my whole body and am affected with rheumatism and cholic pains so as not to be able to rest in bed but very little. I think I have no reason to expect to ever get so well as to visit my friend again in this world I desire to be resined and to acquiese

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 Doct Frederick Meriam were living and it is true where
 they lived but we have made some considerable inquiries
 respecting the above named persons and can inform you
 that Mr. John Hood is a live and lives in Topsfield Mass.
 chusetts State. Mr. Phillip McKee was alive last Sep-
 tember and was then living in the town of William near
 Vergennes in the State of Vermont. Mr. Perkins is dead.
 we are of the opinion that you must have reference to
 Doct John Meriam, instead of Frederick Meriam, as there
 was a Doct John Meriam in Topsfield, but he is dead, he
 has been dead about three years. There is no Doct Fred-
 erick Meriam in the Town nor ever was.

JACOB PERKINS TO JACOB TOWNE

Unity Oct 22^d 1824

Very Dear friend,

I set out for the western country 21st last May with my
 wife little wagon and two horses and arrived at Philadel-
 phia in nine days 321 miles stayed with Joseph four days
 then set out for Ohio and arrived at Scipio in seventeen
 days 435 miles stayed with my children M. Ray and
 Hannah nine days July 5th set out for Darby where Dr.
 Kish's folks live and arrived 10th in the morning 114 I
 was so sick while there that I never expected to get away
 but God was merciful and blessed the means that were
 used and I recovered so as to set out for home July 22nd
 and arrived to my family in peace August 21st about one
 O'clock for which mercy I had great reason to be thank-
 ful.

I was so weak when I set out for home that I could not
 just get into the wagon when I got home I was some
 better. I have been worse and better several times since
 I have been at home, but have of late grown very weak
 and am now unable to walk the room without a stick. I
 have a general weakness through my whole body and am
 affected with rheumatism and cholic pains so as not to be
 able to rest in bed but very little. I think I have no
 reason to expect to ever get so well as to visit my friend
 again in this world. I desire to be resigned and to acquiesce

in the will of God. I want you and your wife to come and see us this fall if you would ever see me again. Please to give my love to your family all my Dear friends in Topsfield particularly to Ephraim tell him that he must come and see me very soon if he would ever see me any more. I found my friends in Ohio enjoying a measure of health but not as healthy as our friends are in these eastern states. My family and our friends are generally well. I had ought to have written to you some time agoe but my poor health and other things have hindered. I do not think I have seen a day this week that I could have written before today my pains have mostly left me, I have but just strength enough to set and write I must draw to a close and subscribe my self your sincere friend

[To] Jacob Towne

Jacob Perkins

ABNER FOSTER TO JACOB TOWNE.

Rindge December the 14— 1832

Dear Sir i have scent a few lines to you to inform you that i want you to Git me a Depersion for the year 1775 in December M^r Pike told me that my Sister Hoobs would Be a Good witnefs for me i want you to Go to there Hous and See hir and fee if fhee Doant Rember that i went to Boston under Lt Rufus wheler was from Byfld and my Brother Burbank went with me At the Same time and thomas Teney was in the fame Company Now you will Due well to fee what fister Hoobs and Brother Hoobs if thay or fhee Nowes Any thing About it Pleas to git all thay Now About it M^r Nelson told me that Bill Leatherbee was out at the fame time and he Now Livs in ipswich if you Doant Git No Proff from Sister Hoobs Pleas to fee if you Can find him if he Dont Live two far of if there is Nothing to Be Got there then i would have you Call on W^m Leatherbee and Git one from him or fee if he Noes of Anyone Sir i have scent you one Doller and wish you to scend them in a Leater to me and scend what the Caust is and i will scend you the Money Pleas to Direct it to Rindge Post office if you

in the will of God. I want you and your wife to come and see us this fall if you would ever see me again. Please to give my love to your family all my Dear friends in Topsfield particularly to Ephraim tell him that he must come and see me very soon if he would ever see me any more. I found my friends in Ohio enjoying a measure of health but not as healthy as our friends are in these eastern states. My family and our friends are generally well. I had ought to have written to you some time ago but my poor health and other things have hindered. I do not think I have seen a day this week that I could have written before today. My pains have mostly left me. I have but just strength enough to set and write I must draw to a close and subscribe my self your sincere friend

Jacob Perkins

[To] Jacob Towne

ANNEK FOSTER TO JACOB TOWNE.

Hingham December the 14—1882

Dear Sir I have sent a few lines to you to inform you that I want you to give me a Dispensation for the year 1883 in December. Mr. Pike told me that my Sister Hoods would be a Good witness for me. I want you to go to there Hoods and see him and tell him Don't forget that I want to Boston under Lt. Nathan Wheeler was from Byfield and my Brother Hubbard went with me. At the same time and Thomas Toney was in the same Company. Now you will due well to see what Sister Hoods and Brother Hoods if they or else Nowen Any thing. About it please to give all they Now About it. Mr. Nelson told me that Bill Leatherbee was out at the same time and he now lives in Ipswich. If you Don't give No Proof from Sister Hoods please to see if you can find him if he Don't live too far off. If there is Nothing to be Got there then I would have you Call on Wm. Leatherbee and get one from him or see if he Knows of Anyone. Sir I have sent you one Dollar and wish you to send them in a Letter to me and send what the Grant is and I will send you the Money. Please to Direct it to Hingham Post office. If you

can obtain Sister Hoobs Proof I would Not Look Any further Dere Sir Pleas to scend me as soon as Posile Sir Doont forgit the year December 1775

Abner Foster

JOHN TOWNE TO JACOB TOWNE.

Dear Sir after my respects to you I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you to let you know that through the Divine goodness of God I am well and in usual health and I hope that these may find you and your family injoying the same blessing. Sir Nathaniel Johnson Esq^r informed me that you wished to know the names of the family of towns which moved from the town of Topsfield to the town of Greenwich and the time they moved and the time of their birth if known. Sir I can give you their names but the exact time when they moved from Topsfield to Greenwich or the exact time of their birth is unknown to me. Sir my Grandfathers name was John Towne I think I have heard him say that he was born in the town of Topsfield about the year A. D. 1686 as near as I can recolect and that he was married about the year A. D. 1714 to a widow Abigail Towne of Topsfield aforesaid by whom he had five Children viz. Samuel who was born about the year A. D. 1715 the month and the day of this birth is not known to me Jonathan was born about the year A. D. 1718 the month and the day of this birth also is not known to me Abigail was born about the year A. D. 1721 the month and Day of her birth also is unknown to me. Catherine was born in November about the year A. D. 1726 the day uf the month unknown to me. John was born November 15th about the year A. D. 1780. my Aunt Abigail Towne died in Topsfield the time unknown to me my Grandmother Abigail Towne also died in Topsfield the time of her Death unknown to me. the Survivors of the family all moved from Topsfield to Greenwich in April about the year A. D. 1749 according to the best of my information. Sir I have had no records to refer to my father once informed me that my said Grandfathers family were recorded in the record of births in the town of Topsfield it would be a great sat-

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isfaction to me if you would examine your records of births & Deaths to see if you can find upon your towns records the family I have described and if you do you will give me great pleasure if you would write to me and give me the time of their births and Deaths as they stand upon your towns records. perhaps I have not named them in succession which you will correct. Sir I am yours with Due respect.

Dana, January 2nd A. D. 1836
To Jacob Towne Esq^r Topsfield

John Towne

SUBSCRIPTION TO PURCHASE A CHURCH ORGAN.

The unders^d having learned that the Lad^s of the Cong^l Chh & Soc. in T^d have resolved to raise *one thousand Dollars*, or more, to be approp^d to the purchase of a Chh. Organ, & being desirous to aid in the making of s^d purchase, Hereby severally sub. the sums of money set opposite their respective names, & hereby severally agree to pay s^d sums to the Treas. of the "Ladies Soc." connected with s^d Chh & Soc., whenever & so soon as the amts subscribed hereto, or otherwise raised for the object & purpose aforesaid shall amt. to the sum of *one thousand Dollars*.

Topsf^d October 17th 1856.

Names.		Names.	
John Cleaveland	\$50	Joseph Towne Jr.	5
John Wright	25	Solomon Wildes	25
R. A. Merriam	10	M. B. Wiides	25
Henry West	10	Asahel Huntington	25
E. T. Gould	25	J. M. Bubier	20
J. R. Peabody	10	"A Friend to Topsfield"	50
J. P. Towne	10	T. W. Peirce	25
N. Cleaveland & Daugh-		W. N. Cleaveland	15
ter	25	Henry Perkins	3
J. Warren Healy (on con-		A Friend	5
dition)	25	Ansel Gould	5
Dr. David Choate Jr.	10	Augustus Smith	3
Mrs. H. H. Cleaveland	15	W ^m Black	5
Mrs. Mary Taylor	10	David Casey	5
W ^m H. Foster	20	A Friend	1

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John Towne

Dana, January 2^d A. D. 1838
To Jacob Towne Esq. Topsfield

SUBSCRIPTION TO PURCHASE A CHURCH ORGAN.

The undersigned having learned that the Ladies of the Cong. Chh & Soc. in T^h have resolved to raise one thousand Dollars, or more, to be applied to the purchase of a Church Organ, & being desirous to aid in the making of a purchase, hereby severally and the sums of money set opposite their respective names, & hereby severally agree to pay the same to the Treas. of the "Ladies Soc." connected with the Chh & Soc., whenever & as soon as the sums subscribed hereto, or otherwise raised for the object & purpose aforesaid shall amount to the sum of one thousand Dollars.

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Mrs. H. H. Cleveland	15	W ^m Black
Mrs. Mary Taylor	10	David Gray
W ^m H. Foster	20	A Friend

Chas Herrick	25	Sarah Sanderson	1
Moses Wildes	25	John G. Hood	5
William Bradstreet	5	Willard Dwinell	3
James Waters	5	J. A. Gould	20
Mrs. Willard Smith	5	T. P. Munday	10
Caleb Perkins	5	J. P. Gould	11
John Dwinell	3	T. F. Leach	4
Elijah Bradstreet	3	Nath. Averill	3
Neh ^m Perkins	2	F. Stiles	1
Edward Ferguson	1	Silas Cochran	1
Elisha A. Hood	5	Esq. Poole	25

C. J. P. FLOYD TO JACOB P. TOWNE.

Newbern N. C. Oct 4th 1862

Friend Towne.

I have long desired to write you a few lines, thinking that perhaps you would like to hear from the Topsfield men in the 23rd Regt, but could not get the time to write when I felt able, and as I have a few leisure moments at this time I thought to intrude myself upon your time for a friendly *chat*, and I hope to interest you by telling you where we are, what we are doing, how we got here, and generally what we see and have seen in this *miserable* portion of our Country.

And first you will see by the dating of this that we are in New Bern (or in modern phraseology Newbern).

Of the City and its inhabitanace I shall speak at some future time.

We In the 23rd are at present and have been since the 7th of May doing Provost duty in the City; the duty is not so laborious as some others, but is very tiresome and wears upon the men verry much, so that there are many at all times that are under the Dr^s care.

The duty is as follows, rise at 5 Oclk A. M., Breakfast at 6. Guard mounting at 8, this takes usually one hour.

The old (guard of the previous 24 hours) guard is then marched to their quarters and dismissed after posting the new guard, which is divided into four districts and each district into four reliefs.

The first relief goes on at 9 Oclk. and is relieved by

1	25	Chas Herrick	25	Sarah Sanderson
5	25	Moses Wilkes	5	John G. Hood
3	5	William Bradstreet	3	Willard Dwinell
20	5	James Waters	20	J. A. Gould
10	5	Mrs. Willard Smith	10	T. P. Munday
11	5	Charles Perkins	11	J. P. Gould
4	3	John Dwinell	4	T. E. Jessop
8	3	Eliza Bradstreet	8	Nath. Averill
1	2	Neh. Perkins	1	R. Stiles
1	1	Edward Ferguson	1	Silas Cochran
25	5	Eliza A. Hood	25	Ed. Poole

G. J. P. Floyd to Jacob P. Towne

Newbern N. C. Oct 4th 1862

Friend Towne

I have long desired to write you a few lines, thinking that perhaps you would like to hear from the Topsfield men in the 38th Regt, but could not get the time to write when I felt able, and as I have a few leisure moments at this time I thought to intrude myself upon your time for a friendly chat, and I hope to interest you by telling you where we are, what we are doing, how we got here, and generally what we see and have seen in this miserable portion of our Country.

And first you will see by the dating of this that we are in New Bern (or in modern phraseology Newbern).

Of the City and its inhabitants I shall speak at some future time.

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The old Guard of the previous 34 hours) Guard is then marched to their quarters and dismissed after posting the new guard, which is divided into four districts and each district into four reliefs.

The first relief goes on at 9 O'clk and is relieved by

the second at 1 ocl^k, which is relieved by the third at 5, which is relieved by the first at 9 P. M. each standing four hours and being off eight.

The two reliefs that are not on guard being obliged to stop at their guard houses the whole eight hours excepting what time is given them to go to their quarters for their meals.

While the men are on guard they are not allowed to sit down, and must carry their musket either at Shoulder or Support, and in stormy weather at secure Arms.

This you will readily perceive is verry tiresome and there is no wonder that so few can stand to the duty long when we consider that it takes nearly half the Regt to stand each day and hence the men must go on every other day.

After the old guard are dismissed and have taken their breakfast, they must then clean their muskets and equipments, which takes the best part of the forenoon.

Dinner at 12 M. over they get untill 3 P. M. to themselves, which time is usually spent either in reading writing or sleeping.

At 3 Ocl^k there is a drill of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and at 5 dress parade, 1 hour, supper at 6, tattoo (roll call) at $7\frac{1}{2}$, and taps (put out the lights) at 9 Ocl^k when we must all retire for the night and quiet must reign supreme in all Co quarters. The evenings are spent in singing, talking, reading, writing, and in some places in card, checkquer, and chefs playing, the men trying to realize the truth of the old saying that "The Soldiers life is always gay."

Thus far I have spoken of the duty of others, I will now speak but a few words for myself. I am one of the Co cooks of which the Co has two, and I find quite enough to do to keep me buisey the most of the time, and perhaps I had better pafs over the part which I have to play, by refering you to your Good Wife, if you would know what a cooks work is.

But I feel that there is much truth in the old saying that a mans work is from Sun to Sun, but a womans (cooks of course) work is never done.

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of the Topsfield men have been sick, and out of the 13 who enlisted at Lynnfield but 5 remain and three of those are on the sick list and are about to be discharged, they are John Smith, Wm Janes, & E. Cummings, the last named was at the time of enlistment living with A. S. Peabody Esq. so that myself and John Dudley are all that will remain and both of us have been in the Hospital, and I am not well yet, nor do I expect to be so long as I have to stay here, but Dudley is very hearty and looks well.

We left Lynnfield (as you know). on the 11th of Nov. last and nothing of note happened to us untill we arrived at Annapolis, Md. if I except that we were well used in Boston, but badly used in N. Y. at which place we stoped 24 hours, and then after marching us all over the City the Authorities allowed us to go away tired and hungry, but the good people of Jersey City on being made acquainted with the state of affairs, on our arrival at that place provided us with a bountiful coalation and we left that place in much better humor and spirits than when we arrived.

On our arrival at Philadelphia we found that there was a nice hot breakfast in waiting for us (it being about 3 Oclk. A. M.) with butiful Lady waters ready to serve us with everything that a hungry man could wish, nice cold meats different kinds, hot coffee & tea and nice warm buis- ket with good sweet butter & cheese, and then the Dutch- mans desert, Sour Krout, sat in dishes every few feet the whole length of those extensive tables.

I was told that we were the 112th Regt who had eaten at this establishment since the war broke out, and not one of them had ever had to wait one moment and none had gone hungry away, and it is still kept open to feed the poor Soldier as he goes to the seat of war at the call of his Country and will continue open as long as the war lasts or there is a hungry Union Soldier, wholly by Vol- unteer contributions of her loyal Citizens. Long may they live to enjoy that Peace for which we are now bat- tling the foe to our common Country.

We left P. at 6 Oclk. A. M. and in leaving bad adue to friends & kindness for we have seen none since

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sight, enough to surprise anyone, 15,000 mules, & about 10,000 horses with wagons, hay & grain, enough to keep them for years.

There we met with the first Soldiers that we had seen, actually in Service, the 11th Mafs. Regt, doing guard & picket duty.

We left P. at 2 Oclk P. M. and arrived at the wharf of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, at 10 Oclk. We were quartered in the Academy buildings about 15 hours, when we were removed to the College buildings where we stopped 24 hours and then took up the line of march for our camping ground, about three miles from the City. There we pitched our tents and remained 7 weeks & 2 days, when we ordered on board the Transports.

The 23rd we were ordered to go on board the Str Hussar & Sch Hilander, the right wing (4 Cos) on board the latter, to be towed by the former which had the Band & 5 left wing Cos. We went on board on the 6th of Jan. and at daylight on the 9th we steamed off down the river into the Bay towards Ft Monroe. The sail was delightful, and about sunset on the 10th we dropped anchor in Hampton roads.

After about 24 hours delay, we left Fts M. and still towed by the Hussar, steamed away south towards Hatteras.

But a storm that had been for a number of days brewing, broke upon us on the evening of the 12th and at daylight the next morning it was deemed prudent to cut the cable by which we were being towed and it was accordingly done and the Steamer left us to the Mercy of the Storm.

After being driven about by the wind and waves until we were all tired of a seafaring life we at last came to an anchor just outside of Hatteras Inlet, and at the very spot where, a few months before, Genl Butler had landed his force. We anchored at 2 Oclk P. M. on the 14th and on the 16th were towed into the inlet and there came to anchor.

In passing into the inlet we were fortunate enough to be just in season to save the lives of the Officers of the 9th N. J. Regt. by taking them out of the water into which

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they had been precipitated by the upsetting of the boat in which they were about to cross the bar to go to their Ship, having left the Ship in the morning to report their safe arrival to Gen^l Burnside, but sad to tell the Surgeon and Col were both dead before we could get them on board the Hilander.

After laying at Hatteras about 3 weeks and suffering for want of food & drink, and cold and storm, we left on 5th of Feb for Roanoke, where we arrived on the Eveng of the 6th, and about 9 Oclk A. M. on the 7th the Gunboats commenced the Bombardment which lasted (as I suppose you have read and know) untill dark.

One little incident at the bombardment pleased us all, which I will here mention.

The largest gun in the fleet, 112 pds, was carried amidships of a small Sloop and was in a swivel, and as the wind was off land she had a fair wind and done fearful execution, for she would sail down by the Fort and when just opposite would let fly one of those 112 lb shot or shell and keep right on her way untill she was out of danger, and then tack about and sail up by and give them another, and so she worked and not one shot hit her for the whole day.

The 23rd were all landed about 10 Oclk P. M. and after wallowing through marsh mud knee deep about 1½ miles we came to an open field where the Division Bivoked for the night, and it rained the most of the night so that we were wet to our skins.

The next morning we took up the line of march in the following order. Mafs 25th, 23rd, 29th, 21st, 10th Conn and 51st N. Y. (Hawkins Zouaves), one Co from each Regt being left on board the Transports. After marching 2 miles (the road having a semicircular direction), the 25th came upon the rebel pickets and drove them in when the firing became general.

The 25th engaged them in their cover and the 23th were ordered to file through the swamp and flank them on their left, and to do this we must pass in front of their battery of 4 guns and all of their musketry, and it was while doing this that J. B. Lake was wounded, and we met with all our loss, for no sooner did they find that

they had been precipitated by the upsetting of the boat in which they were about to cross the bar to their ship, having left the ship in the morning to report their safe arrival to Gen. Burnside, but sad to tell the Surgeon and Col were both dead before we could get them on board the Highlander.

After laying at Hatteras about 2 weeks and suffering for want of food & drink, and cold and storm, we left on 5th of Feb for Beaufort, where we arrived on the Evening of the 6th, and about 9 O'clk A. M. on the 7th the transports commenced the bombardment which lasted (as I suppose you have read and know) until dark.

One little incident at the bombardment pleased us all, which I will here mention.

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The 23rd were all landed about 10 O'clk P. M. and after wading through mud and knee deep about 1 1/2 miles we came to an open field where the Division bivouacked for the night, and it rained the most of the night so that we were wet to our skins.

The next morning we took up the line of march in the following order. Mts 25th, 28th, 29th, 21st, 19th, Conn and 61st N. Y. (Hawkins Zouaves), one Co from each Regt being left on board the Transports. After marching 3 miles (the road having a southerly direction), the 25th came upon the rebel pickets and drove them in when the firing became general.

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we were through the swamp (which they had pronounced impassable) than they began to retreat, and when the Zouaves made that Gallant (?) Charge, that the papers had so much to say about, there was not a whole Rebel in the Fort or behind the breast works.

The 24 Maf^s Reg^t then came up with the 8th Conn and gave chase and bagged the game (3862) and we who had done the fighting rested about an hour and then started off for the Barracks which we found at the end of an 8 mile march. The Barracks consisted of about 100 log houses some 60 feet long by 15 wide, with smaller ones for Officers, &c. they were situated in the woods and were in two distinct camps, but were the most filthy habitations that I had ever sat my eyes upon, being almost alive with vermin.

Besides the Barracks there we have about 200 tents of different kinds & sizes, so that we had a decent kind of shelter.

On looking around the next day we found that besides the Prisoners & property above mentioned that had fallen into our hands, we had taken 34 cannon, 4500 stand of small armes, 3 forts, 4 batteries, and a vast amount of other property, all of which you probably informed yourself at the time.

The Island contains about 600 inhabitants of the most wretched looking people that I had ever seen, and they soon came flocking into camp with potato pies &c which our men were glad to get at any price.

The Inhabittance seemed to be a simple clever set of beings and they all claimed to be Unionists.

The Island itself is low, damp, & swampy, just the place to kill human beings, and there is no wonder that the first settlers should all have died, as you know it is a matter of history that Roanoke is the place where Raleigh attempted the first settlement in this Country.

After stopping on the Island 4 weeks (much longer than any of us wanted to stay) we again embarked on board the transports and in a few days found ourselves at anchor in the Neuse River, 15 miles below Newbern.

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The 28rd all got landed about 3 Oclk P. M. and then took up the line of march our rout lay through sand, mud swamps woods and water and on we trudged for 10 miles, every moment expecting to hear that those of our advance had engaged the enemy, but in this we were disappointed and began to think that they had escaped, for about 5 miles from where we landed we came to a deserted breastwork of about one mile in length.

Soon after we landed it commenced to rain, and the whole of that march was made through rain as well as mud, so that by the time we halted for the night we were wet through to our skins and covered with clay mud to our waists.

We came to a halt at 10 Oclk P. M. and having built fires and posted a guard we laid down around the fires and tried to sleep, but it rained so hard that sleep was out of the question, and we passed the night as best we could.

Early in the morning we were ordered into line and again started on the march, and in a short time we were filed into the woods to the left.

We had not gone far when I saw Lieut Col Merrit changing his coat (this was the last time I ever saw him) and he gave the Order "by the right fall into line." This brought the right of the 23rd to rest on the left of the 27th, and when we were filing into line we could see (through the wood) the Enemies breastworks with their heads just above the top.

The sight was but for a moment, for the big gun from the Hilander had got into position and let fly a 12^{lb} shell which opened the ball, when a volly of Cannister, Shrapnel, Grape, Bomshells & Musketry burst upon us and the smoke and a thick fog which set in intirely hid them from our view, but although their pieces were aimed much too high to do us much damage, still at that discharge maney a poor fellow lost his life and many others were wounded, for it was at that discharge that Lieut Col Merrit was killed and Capt Sawyer lost his leg.

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We were then marched into the battery, and such a sight as there met our eyes I pray God it may never be my lot to witnefs again. the dead & wounded of both man & beast lay in heaps or were scattered all over the field; it was a sickening sight and we were not sorry that our Brigade (the 1st) were not ordered to stop on the field but on the contrary were ordered to march on Newbern, where it was supposed the Reb^{ls} would again make a stand, so off we started, and a march of two hours brought us in sight of the City, which we found to be on fire, for the rebels had tried to make a stand but the presence of our gunboats had so frightened them that they tried to burn the City by setting fire to it in a Number of places and then run away; but in this they were foiled, for the crews from the gunboats went on shore, and, aided by the Negroes, succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

We crossed the Trent river in boats (the rebels having burnt the bridge) and marched through the City to that old encampment on the State Fair ground just above the City on the bank of the Neuse, which we found in much the same state and condition as those at Roanoke, save that here they had no Barracks but were all tents, and a more hungry and tired set of poor fellows I guefs you never saw.

But one nights sound sleep had a good effect upon us and we arose the next morning much refreshed.

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Farming tools & stock, if I except the horses there is nothing else that a Northern Farmer would have on his farm. Why! such cows, not much larger than a yearling with us, and as poor as "Jobs Turkey," and here the shiftless fools think that 3 qts to a milking a "good mess," and if they have a cow that gives 4 or 5 qts they think she cant be beaten. Sheep can hardly stand alone, hogs, do, and they think a 200 lb Hog a wonder, and if an old Hog attains to the enormous size of 350 or 400 lbs he is a Miracle

To speak of the manners of the people here would be to talk of something that does not belong to the people of the South, for they have none, for if you ask how far it is to any place, they will answer, "Reckon it is eight Smart ways." And if you ask how many of anything anyone has got, they will tell you, "Reckon he^s got Heaps."

Now such answers to those who are acquainted and understand it is all very well, but to us Yankees it is all Heathen Greek.

The Customs of the people show that they are far behind us in everything. In the Kitchen the old fashioned Dutch oven and baker supply the place of our beautiful cook stoves, and in their living & sitting rooms you will find the old open fireplace, and everything else in perfect keeping with the times when such things were used among our Grandparents.

The common donkey or tipcart is used for everything. I have seen it used for a hearse and for carriages for mourners to ride in at funerals, and a few days ago there was a happy couple come into Town to get married and they rode in a tipcart. I have also seen men taking their families to ride and all in the same stiled vehicle, the tipcart.

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The way it is performed is this, they take a small tough stick and after chewing it or rather one end of it to a broom they will dip it into the snuff-box and then rub it on their gums and then dip again and put it into their mouth and chew it untill the snuff is all gone and then dip and chew again, and so continue from morning to eveng, and one can hardly pass a house where white people live without seeing that everlasting stick protruding from the mouth of some of the fair (?) daughters of the South.

But I find that I must close. Will you please excuse all mistakes, for I am obliged to write amid noise and confusion and no doubt have made maney mistakes which I have not time to rectify.

Pleas remember me to all my acquaintances and answer and oblige

Yours Truly

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N. B. direct to me, Co. F, 23rd Mafs Vol. Newbern, N. C.

If it is not to much to ask I would thank you to call on Mrs. Floyd and say that you have received this and look at my trophies.

C. J. P. F.

Topsfield, &c.

To Doct. Thomas Manning, Surgeon of Col. Wades' Regiment of Militia.

The bearer, Solomon Averell, enrolled as a soldier in my company, having lost the use of the fore finger of his left hand, is in my opinion unfit to perform military duty, and I, therefore, shall make no objection to his being discharged.

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SPECIFICATIONS OF A HOUSE FOR NABBY PERKINS.

This is a plan of the floor of a house 40 feet by 30 and the following is a statement how it is to be executed. First the timber is to be hewed well and then framed well. Boarding the roof, boards jointed, the sides and ends featheredge and put on well. A cornice and bed mould for the covings and weather boards with a cornice, And then shingled and a scuttle on the roof; also corner boards and warter tables and window frames for 24 squares and 20 for the chamber said frames are to be made in the fashion called sunk frames with a full architrave also doors the front door in the dorick order the end one in the tuscan order and the whole to be clapboarded all to be done in a workman like manner. The inside first an under floor over the whole laid well also a garret floor jointed and harved and laid well also back stairs from the bottom of the sullen up to the scuttle also the front entry is to be finished with one run of stairs with a twist and ramped rail and square banisters said entry is to be dadod with base and capping also cornice and wide fasha, with flutes and spaces with full architrave round doors and windows also upper floors plained and laid well the front room is to be finished with dadod base and capping and plain cornice fasha with full architrave round all the doors and windows also a chimney piece with plain mouldings also sliding shutters to all the windows also a plained floor all to be done in a workman like manner. The chamber over said room is to be finished the same as the room excepting window shutters. The kitchen is to be finished in a plain and workman like manner with ceiling with plain boards up to the windows or higher if necessary also sliding shutters and all the closets in the rooms and chambers also one small room to be finished in a plain manner with a chimney piece and dado base and coping

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SPECIFICATIONS OF A HOUSE FOR NANCY PARKER.

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Nabby Perkins

To Jacob Towne 3rd

THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN LIEUT BENJAMIN TOWNE
AND REV. JOHN EMERSON.

For Lieut Benj^m Town
In Topsfield

Sir, this comes to let you know that I am ready at any Time to meet you at Capt. Goulds and There discourse with you in a friendly and Christian manner, provided you desire it & give me timely notice when you would meet, also what you would discourse upon & whom you design to bring wth you if you were offended at any Thing, why did you not observe y^e Rule in *Matthew* 18, 15, 16, & come when in y^e Spirit of Love & meekness, which I Should have took well at your hands, and endeavor to have removed y^e grounds of your uneasiness. But ob^s what unkind Treatment have I had—shou^d I deal with you as you have done by me, how hard, hard, hard, would you think it to be?

But I pray God to forgive you and give you Repentance for all your sins in Heart and Life, for now as well as later. O Think on your ways, and Turn unto y^e Lord. Beware of y^e snares which y^e adversary is laying for your precious Soul, and dont let y^e present Blessed leason of grace slip away. Time is oh, how exceeding precious, improve it, I Entreat you, in preparing for a Blessed Eternity you are grown something in years, surely tis Time to see to it that your peace is made with God, and as an Evidence of it that you have Chrif found and living in you.

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Nabby Perkins

To Jacob Towne Esq

THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN JACOB BURLAND TOWNE
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For Lieut Benjⁿ Town
In Topsfield

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But I pray God to forgive you and give you repentance for all your sins in heart and life, for now as well as later. O think on your ways, and turn unto y^e Lord. Beware of y^e snare which y^e adversary is laying for your precious Soul, and don't let y^e present blessed season of grace slip away. Time is oh, how exceeding precious, improve it, I entreat you, in preparing for a blessed Eternity. You are grown something in years, surely tis time to see to it that your peace is made with God, and as an evidence of it that you have Christ formed and living in you.

Mr Town, I Cou^d speak of Things which would not be very pleasing to you to hear of: but far be it from a minister of Chrif to return evill for evill—no, I have not so learned Chrif. But from his word I learn in *Corinth*: 4, 12, 13, being reviled to Bles, being persecuted to suffer it, being defamed to Entreat. oh! I hope I shall be Enabled to pray heartily for you, and seek and study your Best good, notwithstanding y^e very hard and grievous Treatment I have met with: if I may believe what I hear.

May God Bless you and your family, and may I see you become a new man even a new, created in Chrif Jesus, my heart would rejoice, even mine.

Mr Town, Tho I have suffered so much yet I wish you Pardon, Peace grace & glory through Christ, as I do for my own soul, and so I subscribe myself, your injured and aggrieved

Pastor John Emerson

Topsfield, February 17, 1745-6

Rev. Sir,

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Mr. Towne, I can't speak of things which would not be very pleasing to you to hear of; but far be it from a minister of Christ to return evil for evil--no, I have not so learned Christ. But from his word I learn in Romans 12, 17, 18, being reviled to bless, being persecuted to endure it, being defamed to be silent. Oh! I hope I shall be enabled to pray heartily for you, and seek and study your best good, notwithstanding your very hard and grievous treatment I have met with: if I may believe what I hear.

May God bless you and your family, and may I see you become a new man even a new, created in Christ Jesus, my heart would rejoice, even mine.

Mr. Towne, Tho I have suffered so much yet I wish you Pardon, I trace grace & glory through Christ, as I do for my own soul, and so I subscribe myself, your injured and aggrieved

Pastor John Emerson

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And then Rev fir about five or six months afterwards you did discose with me alone which discose I shall Refare to your Confence and not Rewrit here only say that I did not Intend that even you should have heard a word from me again of such things: but I might Justly Cry oh oh oh of Rong for it was not above five or six Days afterwards before you Could Charge it on my selfe and others that we had not a spark of grace or the souls of men in us if we did not Voat for you to have such a certain sum of money which you named Rev. fir, pray Confidder if giving money to a Clergyman will give men grace or souls or then the Church of Room is Right for there for money men may have pardon for sin too. Rev. fir pray Confider a litel further and see if you cannot Remember that at the House of M^r Nathaniel Porters you Did Refuse discose with sum of us except you had sum of your party there. And Last March at your House or betwen your House and barn you took me by the hand and said you would have or see if you Could make these things eassey—that is such things as I Laid to your Charge. Rev: fir, here I shall appeal to your Consence. since which time I have held you guilty of Breaking your word and you cannot but know that y^e Last Town meeting that I tould you to the same purpose: Thus Rev. fir I have

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And then Rev. Sir about five or six months afterwards you did discuss with me alone which discuss I shall relate to your Conference and not Hewitt here only say that I did not intend that even you should have heard a word from me again of such things: but I might justify myself of it for it was not above five or six days afterwards before you could charge it on my father and others that we had not a spark of grace or the souls of men in us if we did not vote for you to have such a certain sum of money which you named Rev. Sir, pray consider if giving money to a Clergyman will give him grace or souls or then the Church of Rome is right for there for money men may have pardon for sin too. Rev. Sir pray consider a little farther and see if you cannot remember that at the House of Mr. Nathaniel Porters you did refuse discuss with him of us except you had turn of your party there. And last March at your House or between your House and mine you took me by the hand and said you would have or see if you could make these things easy—that is such things as I said to your Charge. Rev. Sir, here I shall appeal to your Conference. Since which time I have held you guilty of breaking your word and you cannot but know that. Last Town meeting that I told you to the same purpose: Thus Rev. Sir I have

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Benj^a Towne

Topsfield february the 24 AD 1745/6

For Lieut Benjamin Town
In Topsfield

Mr Town.

Sir I lately sent you a Letter concerning our meeting and discourfing together at Capt Goulds, wherein I gave you y^e Liberty of appointing y^e Time.

Now this comes to let you know that I will appoint y^e Time of y^e meeting provided you will but say that you desire a meeting at said Cap^t Goulds, in order for a friendly Christian Discourfe there also let me know what you would Discourse upon, and whom you design to bring with you. no more at present but heartily wishing you and all yours y^e special saving grace of God in Christ Jesus, I subscribe still your aggrieved minister,

John Emerson.

Topsfield February 25, 1745, 6.

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I wrote to you about in my letter concerning our meeting at Cap^t Goulds &c. was not that y^e main thing, and was not that proposed or supposed to be y^e means of making things easy? Strange then y^t you should not say one word in all your Long Letter about it. I leave it now to your own Conscience to tell you who neglects y^e means of Peace: Surely if you had desired an accommodation you would have took me up at y^e first offer made you in my first Letter or in y^e next & then by this Time we might have had a free & friendly Discourse. you Endeavour to Clear your self from y^e violation of y^t Rule in Matthew 18, 15. But you dont do it; m^r Town, Did you ever come to me alone, in a Christian manner, & take me alone & tell me y^e grounds of your uneasiness, or did you Ever take one or two of y^e Brethren of y^e Church & so Come and take y^e Second Step and tell me you were come to deal with me, according to our Saviours Rule? Surely you cant say with any Justice y^t Comeing with one or two persons y^t were offended as well as you, that this was observing y^t Excellent Rule of Chrif in Matthew do you think when y^e Rule says take one or two more y^t this can possibly intend or mean y^t this one or two should also be persons that are alike offended or aggrieved: tis Contrary to Reason to think So & I verily believe there is not one Divine in y^e world but what would Think it a perverting y^e Rule to do Thus? So y^t m^r Town, I believe it will be best for you no longer to insist upon This, for I believe y^t no unprejudiced Person in y^e world of a sound understanding will think y^t you have duly attended y^t Rule in Matthew. And if you thot y^t you had yourself, and had taken y^e first and Second step, why did you not Procead to y^e third, Come and ask Leave, y^t y^e matter might be laid before y^e Church, especially when there was such an opportunity for it: for you were not ignorant I Trust, y^t ye Church met Twice, not long since, but you brot none of your grievances: and Then at y^e Church meeting I pressed it upon Them (if I Render it Right) to have a Council, and mentioned Such men as I supposed would be agreeable to serve as m^r Rogers of Boxford, m^r Clark of y^e village: and put it to vote whether they would have a Council to Consider of

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matters in Controvsies, and it was declared in y^e Church (if I understood Right) y^t y^r was no Controversies, and there was not a hand up as I coul See for having a Council and now then why is there all this noise, who is y^e man by whom y^e offence cometh & to whom does y^e wo Belong? Your own Conscience, m^r Town, will tell you if you will Suffer it to Speak: to allude to Matt. 18, 17, y^e Place you cited me too in your Letter.

The Church & Town I believe would fain be at peace & quiet, I desire y^t you would not do any Thing to hinder it.

You come in your Letter to cast Some Reflection on me, Respecting y^e Church of Rome, giving money to a Clergyman &c. But how groundless is This, did I ask you or y^e Town to give me money? dont you know y^t I ask it as a Due Debt & insist upon it as an act of pure Justice y^t my Salary be made good to me and how you can Subscribe your self my faithfull Parrishioner (as you do in your Letter) and not Endeavour to do me Justice in y^t matter, is what I cant reconcile with Truth. you mention about penetrating into y^e heart & being in allyance &c M^r Town, I do from y^e very Bottom of my Heart, I hope, abhor all y^e Corruptions of y^t apostolic Church of Rome, and I am offended for such unchristian insinuations for which you have not y^e least Shadow of any Reason as I know of.

And as for penetrating into your Heart &c whoever pretended to This? is not y^e Tree known by y^e fruit? have not wise and good men been much Stumbled at your Conduct? have you not by what has been visible given to persons of a sound mind and a right understanding occasion of offence? I must needs tell you, M^r Town, y^t you are a very unsuitable person to Throw Dirt and cast Reflections and indeed tis Enough to make any one wonder y^t you could find it in your Heart to Send me Such an unchristian Letter, stuffed with so many Reflections, when you know my Letter to you, y^e Language of it & you can Judge no farther, breathed So much Love to you, Love to your soul, to your precious Soul, & courage for you, & for yours also. you have a Hint about my Continuing &c. as to y^e matter. I hope I shall leave it with

God and be willing to be where my Dear Lord & Master Jesus Christ woud have me to be and do & suffer what Shall call too : and I hope He will Enable me to make a profitable improvement of y^e Trouble I meet with from you.

Moreover, you say in your Letter, I refused to discourse with some of you &c without some of my Party (as you term it) were there at M^r Porters, &c. and indeed, M^r Town, had I not need, & have I not occasion to be carefull whence I have so much Reason to Think y^t either you have not understood me at some time when I have spoke or else have not put y^e fair candid construction upon my words as you ought to have done, but took Them, or Explained them into Such a Sense or meaning and carry Such an idea as never came into my Heart. M^r. Town, whatever I have said to you or before you, I could wish a Thousand wise & good men had been in y^e Hearing of and as for my preaching, glory to free gives alone, y^t I have so much Reason to hope it has been a favour of Life unto Some precious Souls : however you have been at any Time displeased with it.

M^r Town, I hope, if you show to any one a copy of your Letter to me, you will be so Just as to read y^m this answer, and then I think, if you triumph, they will see, at least y^e unprejudiced, y^t you do it before you have got acusatory. I Could Say much more by way of answer, but if we have a friendly Discourse, I may speak by word of mouth.

M^r Town if you Shall See cause to write again as I woud have you write seriously, pertinently to y^e Point in hand, and reason Justly, so I desire y^t you would Send me a direct plain answer to this question, whether you desire to meet me at Cap^t Goulds as proposed to you in my former letters. I hope I do, wthout any Hesitation, wish you & your family all y^e Blessings of y^e New Covenant and can assure you y^t I am willing things may be accommodated upon a righteous foundation, and am your agrieved minister at present.

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P. S. M^r Town Look upon these few Lines as a Postscript to y^e inclosed Letter.

You ask in your Letter whether if in Matthew &c be not binding on me &c. did I not Come to your House, take you alone & in a friendly manner discourse you a great while? But I woud have you know y^t I have great Reason to be aggrieved for your Talk abroad of late & not coming to me according to y^e Rule in Matt: &c & how have you Expoused your self, in Endeaving to reproach your minister? in your Letter you say & say Right y^t y^e Bible is y^e Rule &c why yⁿ dont you observe it? your Bible tells you in 1 Tim. 5, 1, Rebuke not an Elder but Entreat him as a Father.

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 I Recd your letter of y^r 28 of Feb. last wherein you say you Recd. my letter but in it No answer as you think &c. and you say I do not so much as mention y^r main thing. Rev Sir you ask me why I did Not Take y^r Rule in Mat

18-15-16 I Did answer you to y^e Point which is a main Point to answer Such Texts of Scripture

you Now ask me weather you Did Not Come to my house, Take me alone &c Rev Sir your Discorse was about my uneasiness only, but you Did not Say anything about any agreviance of yours then Nor at any other Time therefore I think y^e Text of Scripture was a main point to answer. Seeing y^t you Sign^d your letter y^t you was Injured &c for to Show you y^t I tho^t you had violated y^t Scripture ; in Telling me you are Ready for meeting &c and you have Selected to Take y^e Rule in Matt. afores^d: if you had fulfild what you Declard you would when you was at my house : you Never would have heard anything more from me about them things : you ask me whather Ever I came to you alone and you ask Severall questions of y^t Nature &c Rev. Sir I have been with you alone and Told you y^e matters of my uneasiness : and you gave me your word once and again that you would make them things easey : and I have Discorsed with you in Company : you ask me why I Did not Take y^e Third Step : Rev. Sir you Did Say you would make things Easay : and I waited on you Expecting you would make them Easay as you said you would : you speak about your prefsing it upon y^e Church for a Councel : and say you mentioned Such men as you Supposed would be Exceptable to me : m^r Rogers & m^r Clarke : Rev. Sir if there be Need of a Council they are Exceptable to me : you Say I Come in my letter to Cast Sum Reflections on you : Respecting y^e Church of Rome giveing money to a Clergy man &c Rev Sir I apprehend you have made No answer at all to y^t part of my letter : for in my letter I say you Charg^d it on myself and others y^t we had Not a spark of Grace or y^e Souls of men in us : if we Did not vote for you to have Such a Cartain Sum of money which you Named : and I think my letter is not So much Stufed with Reflections Nor so much Dirt throued as there is in yours : you say is Not the Tree known by the fruit : Rev Sir I think I have seen and heard you Taken Screeming and Crying out for fruit and you said y^t they were brought home to Christ : you ask me weather good men have not been Stumbled at my Conduct &c Rev Sir I

18-15-16 I did answer you to y^e Point which is a main Point in answer Such Texts of Scripture

you Now ask me whether you did Not Come to my house Take me alone &c Rev Sir your Discourse was about my uneasiness only, but you did not say anything about any appearance of yours then Nor at any other Time therefore I think y^e Text of Scripture was a main point to answer. Seeing y^e you sign^d your letter y^e you was injured &c for to show you y^e I tho^t you had visited y^e Scripture; in Telling me you are Ready for meeting &c and you have Selected to Take y^e Note in Mate¹ alone; if you had fulfil'd what you I should you would when you was at my house: you never would have heard anything more from me about them things: you ask me whether Ever I came to you alone and you ask Sovereign questions of y^e Nature &c Rev Sir I have been with you alone and Told you y^e matters of my uneasiness: and you gave me your word once and again that you would make them things easy: and I have Discour'd with you in Company: you ask me why I did not Take y^e Third Step: Rev Sir you did say you would make things Easy: and I waited on you Expecting you would make them Easy as you said you would: you speak about your pretence it upon y^e Church for a Council: and say you mentioned such men as you supposed would be Except^d able to me: Mr Rogers & Mr Clarke: Rev Sir if there be Need of a Council they are acceptable to me: you say I Come in my letter to Cast Sum Reflections on you: Respecting y^e Church of Rome giving money to a Clergy man &c Rev Sir I apprehend you have made No answer at all to y^e part of my letter: for in my letter I say you Charg'd it on myself and others y^e we had Not a spark of Grace or y^e Souls of men in us: if we did not vote for you to have Such a Certain Sum of money which you Named: and I think my letter is not so much Stuf'd with Reflections Nor so much Dirt thrown as there is in yours: you say is Not the Tree known by the fruit: Rev Sir I think I have seen and heard you Taken Screen- ing and Crying out for fruit and you said y^e they were brought home to Christ: you ask me whether good men have not been Stumbled at my Conduct &c Rev Sir I

think I might ask you y^e Same question : you say you hope if I shew to any body a Copy of my letter to you &c Rev fir I think you Cast great Reflections Concerning my Triumping and I think you are a very unfutable to Reflect in such a maner then Rev. Sir you Come to say oh m^r Town what have you Done that has prevoked God to Leave you to fall in to so great a sin &c Rev. Sir if it is a sin I feear it was for Voating for you to be a fee-tled Minister amongst us and since you have been so great againes by the Consequence you need not so Cry out

Then Rev Sir you Come to tell me that I say in my letter and say Right that the bible is the Rule, and then you say why dont you observe it your bible tells you in 1 Tim. 5, 1, &c. Rev Sir dost you not know that that text is directly Contrary to what you intend or have you been Rapt up in the Contemplation of your Letter and the praise it would bring to you that you have not had time to Look in to your Bible to see it was Paul's Exhertation to Timothy how he should behave him selfe towards all ages. here Realy fir you have wanderd from the point (then Rev. Sir you say.) you shall find me very redy to acomidate matters &c Realy Sir I have waited years on you with all the becoming mean or temper I Could and you have not done it yet, and by the tenor of your Letter I think you never Intend to do it. then Rev. Sir I have Indeavored to shew you that I did not wander from the main point and my argumen is good, for in Math. 18, 15, 16 it dont say that I shall take Church member but one or two that is whome I pleas. so that Job 6, 25 may Come in to your mind again when you Read your Letter with those texts of scripture you sent to me you may see that such a minister as you can be mistaken, but I do Earnestly Intreet you to Complioy with your duty and then I hope we shall have a speedy settlement of all the matters of uneasiness I Remain your Reconfialable Frind & Parichtioner

Benja^a Towne

Topsfield march 28th 1745-6

think I might ask you? Same question: you say you hope if I show to any body a Copy of my letter to you can Rev Sir I think you can great reflections concerning my triumphing and I think you are a very respectable to reflect in such a manner. Then Rev Sir you come to say oh my Town what have you done that has provoked God to leave you to fall in to great a sin &c. Rev Sir it is a sin I fear it was for voting for you to be a legislator amongst us and since you have been to great against by the consequences you need not to cry out.

Then Rev Sir you come to tell me that I lay in my letter and say Right that the bible is the Rule, and then you say why don't you observe your bible tells you in I Tim. 6, 1, 2, Rev Sir don't you not know that that text is directly contrary to what you intend or have you been kept up in the contemplation of your letter and the praise it would bring to you that you have not had time to look in to your bible to see it was Paul's Exhortation to Timothy how he should behave him self towards all ages. here clearly Sir you have wandered from the point (then Rev Sir you say) you shall find me very ready to accommodate matters &c. Rev Sir I have waited years on you with all the becoming reason or temper I could and you have not done it yet, and by the tenor of your letter I think you never intend to do it. then Rev Sir I have endeavored to show you that I did not wander from the main point and my argument is good, for in Math. 18, 15, 16 it don't say that I shall take Church members but one or two that is wrong I think to that Job 6, 25 may come in to your mind again when you Read your letter with those texts of scripture you sent to me you may see that such a minister as you can be mistaken, but I do earnestly interest you to comply with your duty and then I hope we shall have a speedy settlement of all the matters of uncleanliness I remain your Respectable Friend &c

Benj. Towne

Topsheld March 28th 1745

For Lieut^t Benj^m Town
In Topsfield

Mr Town

Sir. I received your Letter of march 28th and would observe to you that y^e main Thing at Present in Controversie between us by Letters, you still neglect to resolve me in, that is, whether or no, you will meet me at Cap^t Goulds, in order for a friendly Conference There, as proposed to you in my first or Second Letter, which if you will do Then will I Endeavour as God Shall Enable me, I hope, in y^e meekness of wisdom to give you an answer to your Letter by word of mouth But if you decline meeting of me at Cap^t Goulds, Let me know it, and Then by writing in Convenient Time, I will Endeavour to send you a futable answer to your Letter of march 28th I remain your aggrieved but yet Reconciliable Pastor

John Emerfon

Topsfield April 22, 1746

Rev fir

I Received your Letter of April 22, 1746, with these words in it, y^t is and would observe to you that y^e main thing at Present in Controversie between us by Letters you still neglect to resolve me in &c Rev fir i would observe to you that is not true for you did in your Letter of febr^y 17: 1745-6 ask me why I did not take the Rule in Matthew 18. 15. 16. I did write to you that I had in sum measure taken that Rule with you and I still think that I have attended that Rule as fare as Is needfull with any honest well meening man and you still subscribeing your Letters aggrieved and tell me you are still for a meeting and you never have attended the Rule in Matthew afore-said no not so much as to one single word then how Can you be still for a meeting if the bible hath aney force on you or you had aney Confiance you would be a shamed of such kind of treetment to write time after time of main pints—and you Liue in the Violation of Mat^h afore-said: Rev fir you know that the main point that I Insisted on at M^r Israel Clarks with you you said your self was Rea-

For Miss Benson Town
In Topsfield

Mr. Town

Sir, I received your letter of March 22nd and would observe to you that your main thing at present in controversy is between us by letters, you still neglect to resolve me in, that is, whether or no, you will meet me at Cap. Good's in order for a friendly Conference There, as proposed to you in my first or second letter, which if you will do, then will I endeavour as God shall enable me, I hope, in your measure of wisdom to give you an answer to your letter by word of mouth. But if you decline meeting of me at Cap. Good's, let me know it and then by writing in convenient time, I will endeavour to send you a full answer to your letter of March 22nd. I remain your
aggravated but yet Reconcilable Father

John Emerson

Topsfield April 22, 1746

Rev Sir

I Received your letter of April 22, 1746, with these words in it, "I would observe to you that your main thing at present in controversy between us by letters you still neglect to resolve me in &c." Now Sir I would observe to you that is not true for you did in your letter of Feb^y 17: 1745-6 ask me why I did not take the Rule in Matth 18. 15. 16. I did write to you that I had in fact measure taken that Rule with you and I still think that I have attended that Rule as far as is needful with any honest well meaning man and you still forbidding your letters aggravated and tell me you are still for a meeting and you never have attended the Rule in Matth 18. 15. 16. I did not so much as to one single word then how can you be still for a meeting if the bible hath any force on you or you had any Confidence you would be a shamed of such kind of treatment to write time after time of main points—and you live in the Violation of Matth 18. 15. 16. I am Sir you know that the main point that I insisted on at Mr. Israel Clark's with you and your self was Res-

sonable and Just: and I now tell you that I Cannot believe you are Just or honest to Live in the Neglect of your known duty, for it is said in Matth 5. 23. 24 you should go and be Reconciled &c Except you will allow you selfe to be pointed at in these other Scripturs Viz in Isai. 56- 10-11-12 & Isai. 65. 5. 6, & Jer. 5. 30. 31 & Jer. 23. 1. 2. & Ezek. 34 Chap and Micha. 3. 5. 6 and in your paper of february the 28, 1745-6 you ask me why is there all this noise who is the man &c Rev Sir I tell you y^t you are the man, and that you say in Sd paper—the Church and Town I believe would faine be at peace and quiete &c Rev fir I believe they would be at peace & quiete ware it not for you but I cannot Spend time to Remark Long Letters for I am not a fallary man—Neither do I geet my Living by Lying or Cheeting—but to Return to your paper of Apriel 22 Rev fir you say which if you will do &c fir I should Reioyce to see a spirit of meekness and true wisdom in you and not so much of the Conterary spirit and then fir you say: But if you Decline meeting me at Cap^{tn} Goulds &c fir had you been a man of an honest mind you would have had a meeting at Cap^{tn} Gould or sum other place Long before now, and had I known you would have had no more Regard to your word you should have had a meeting at sum other place before now, without any of this noise: but to Come to a Close, fir please to take to your selfe Ezek. 8, 14, 15 & Ezek 13, 22, 23. I Still Remain in Topsfield and am
Benja^a Towne.

June the 16, 1746

Rev. fir In your paper of aprill the 22 1746 you tell me of Endeavring to send me a sutable answer to my Letter &c. fir I Expected when you had done at Bradford you would be at lasur so that you might find out wat is ment in 1 tim 5. 1. but I think you had rather search after other mens faults then to correct your own, and I beleive it is more pleasing to you to find falt with other men if you have no reason for it then to mend of your own miscarriages—for what man of an honest mind and believing the bible to be a Rule for him to walk by dare cote Math.

reasonable and just: and I now tell you that I cannot believe you are just or honest to live in the neglect of your known duty; for it is laid in Math. 23, 24 you should go and be reconciled to those whom you will allow you to be pointed at in these other Scriptures viz in last 56-10-11-12 & last 55, 5, 6, & Jer. 2, 30, 31 & Jer. 23, 1, 2, & Ezek. 34 Chap and Mich. 2, 6, 8 and in your paper of February the 28, 1746 you ask me why is there all this noise who is the man &c. Rev Sir I tell you you are the man, and that you lay in 54 paper—the Church and Town I believe would join in peace and quietude &c. Rev Sir I believe they would be at peace & quietude were it not for you but I cannot spend time to the mark long letters for I am not a literary man—Neither do I get my living by lying or cheating—but to the turn to your paper of April 22. Rev Sir you say which if you will do &c. Sir I should rejoice to see a spirit of meekness and true wisdom in you and not so much of the contrary spirit and then Sir you say: But if you decline meeting me at Cap^m Goulds &c. Sir had you been a man of an honest mind you would have had a meeting at Cap^m Gould or some other place long before now, and had I known you would have had no more regard to your word you should have had a meeting at some other place before now, without any of this noise; but to come to a Close, Sir please to take to your letter Ezek. 8, 14, 15 & Ezek. 18, 22, 23. I still remain in Towne and am
 Ben^y Towne.

June the 16, 1746

Rev Sir In your paper of April the 22 1746 you tell me of endeavoring to send me a suitable answer to my letter &c. Sir I expected when you had done at Bradford you would be at home so that you might find out what I thought of it. I think you had rather search after other means than to correct your own, and I believe it is more pleasing to you to find fault with other men if you have no reason for it than to mend of your own miscarriage—for what man of an honest mind and believing the bible to be a Rule for him to walk by dare cote blame

18. 15. 16 for a rule for another man to walk by and at the same time he him selfe is guilty of the Vilation of Math afore said as I think you be Except to be a pharisy which I fear you be for it is said in Math 23. 3 for they say and do not Vers 5 for all their works they do to be seen of men—fir you have signed all your papers Injured, but you never Came to tell me what it was for :—fir in one of your papers you say fould I deal with you as you have done by me &c: fir I now tell you that when I did deal with you I did deal honestly and did not Cheet you by Lying. (fir I desire you to Remember what treetment we have had from you, stripping open your boosom and threetning to spend your blood &c.) and in one paper you say I could Speak of things which would not be very pleasing to you &c fir that you have done maney a time for I did not believe they ware true; and in the same paper you say no I have not so Learned Christ: fir if you have Learned anything of Christ Lett me see a proof of it by your Complioying with his work Especially in Math. 18. 15. 16. fir if you Can sitt still & be Easely to take my money from me and reioyce in it with your party as you termed them when you do me no service, I think you are rightly described in Hosea 4. 9. there Shall be Like people Like priest, and 2 of peter 2. 2. 3 and maney Shall follow their pernices ways—and throug Contiousness f hall they with fained words make merchandise of you: but if it be so fir that your party is the biggest boft not thy selfe of to morrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth fir I understand that you find falt that mens Seets are empty: fir I do reely beleive you are the cose of it. Reed 1 of Sam. 2. 17. for men abhorred the offrings of the Lord: fir you know what your Conduct hath been and if it was good why have you dwindled it away: and if bad why dont you make satiffaction and so put an end to all the matters of uneasiness Sir I am directed in Romans 16-17-18 now I beseech you brethren mark them which Cose devisions and offences Contrary to the doctrine which ye have Learned and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ but their own belly, and by good words and fair speeches Deceive the hart of the simple

18. 15. 16 for a trial for another man to walk by and at the same time he him self is guilty of the Violation of Math 23. 16 as I think you do Except to be a pharisee which I fear you do for it is said in Math 23. 8 for they lay and do not. Yet 5 for all their works they do to be seen of men—in you have signed all your papers (signed) but you never came to tell me what it was for:—(in one of your papers you say I should I deal with you as you have done by me &c: (in I now tell you that when I did deal with you I did deal honestly and did not cheat you by lying. (in I desire you to remember what treatment we have had from you, (in your open your bosom and threatening to spend your blood &c.) and in one paper you say I should speak of things which would not be very pleasing to you &c. (in that you have done many a time for I did not believe they were true; and in the same paper you say no I have not to learned Christ: (in if you have learned anything of Christ I tell me for a proof of it by your Comprehending with his work especially in Math. 18. 15. 16. (in if you can sit still & be ready to take my money from me and rejoice in it with your party as you termed them when you do me no for vice, I think you are rightly described in John 4. 9. there shall be like people like priests, and 2 of Peter 2. 2. 3 and many shall follow their pernicious ways—and through Contumacious I shall they with raised words make merchandise of you: but if it be to fit that your party is the biggest part not the little of to-morrow for then knowest not what a day may bring forth (in I understand that you had late means seats are empty: (in I do truly believe you are the case of it. Hired I of Sam. 2. 17. for men abhorred the offerings of the Lord: (in you know what your Conduct hath been and if it was good why have you diminished it away: and if bad why do you make satisfaction and to put an end to all the matters of unbelief. Sir I am directed in Romans 16. 17-18 now I beseech you brethren mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned and avoid them, for they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ but their own belly, and by good words and fair speeches deceive the heart of the simple

fir I think you are the man. fir you tell me in one of your papers of Casting Reflections and puting a rong Construction on your words fir in both articles I think you are a Wild Gentleman to write as you have done, and I begin to think that you are but a fool to your Negro man as you said was ——— or a ——— as you Said you was born. fir I have shown your Letters as you Desired I would and I think you have no Concance to delay matters as you have done. fir if you should be plefd to write to me write so that I may Reed it with out so much trouble of transcribing it for I think it penants enough to Reed your works

fir I am not afraid of your great words, and should be glad to have a trial before good men, and not newlits or your party as you termed them. Observe it is you that have signed your selfe Injured, and it is I that desire a fair trial, and it is you that Said you would make things Eafey

I am Benj^a Towne and Live in Topsfield on South side of the River

Topsfield January the 22nd 1746/7

There was in a City a judge which feared not God, neither regarded man. M^r Emerson fir, in your papers you tell me of love to & for me and for my precias soul, and tell me that I am grown sumthing in years—and so you run on as if you had not known that I lived in the woods, and so you might scare me with your nois or deceve me with Judas treatment but being foretould in Mat. 7. 16, do men gather granes of thorns or figs of thifels so I think you have proved your self as a thorn or a thifel to me in Refusing to Complioy with Matt. 18-15-16, for you did tell me that you would make things eafey—that is such things as I Charged you with—and the next news I heard from you, you was Injured & agreved, but you never have been so good as to tell me what it was for but I suppose it was for my telling you the truth or telling the truth about you, and if that be the Cafe you may Justly say it is a bad report and so set still and geet all the money you Can and Cheet honest men out of their Right, for I think by your silence you Consent to it that the

Bible hath no force on you, and that you have no Conscience as I have hinted to you before—and if so then how do you deliver your soul as in your mighty heat you bragd you would so that I may Justly think you are one of them that was struck by a bad spirit or y^e D—l as I think you said sum ware and if so no wonder that you did think you were but a fool to your Negro man in prayer as you said you was fir in one of your papers you hint as if I made to lite with your Character fir Consider how you have tosed other mens names even when they Came for publick prayers, and remember how you have treated me. and then take a Review of your own actions with an unpredigessed eye even to Newbery, and see how famous you would be if you was there, and see whether you can now tell who is semingly brought home or new born by aney of these screemings or yellings that you declared to be such a gloris work fir I Realy think that you have been an enthusiasles flanderous and Delusive parson and have been permitted to fall in to repeted deliberate most publick Comprehensive and pernicious Violations of the holy Laws of god for if you had been in your right reason or ware now I think you would make satisfaction for many of your disorderly actions, and I think now you dare not tell how you did produce such Effects upon parsons bodys to make them sereem and yell in such a manner and then for you to laugh or smile and declare these parsons ware Savingly brought home to Christ, is what I cannot Reconfile with truth in you. fir you tell me in one of your papers that I am a very Unfutable parson to throw dirt and Cast reflections &c fir I think you are a futable parson to throw dirt and Cast Reflections, since you have been struck or turnd a new Light and I think you take that way to prevoke others to Love and good works—and you term your self a faithfull Minister of Christ, which I Cannot reconfile with truth in you four you Live in the Violation of Math 18. 15. 16 (so that) thou that makest thy boast of the Law throug breaking the Law dishonourest thy God Rom. 2, 1. 2. 3, therefore thou art Incapable O man—for wherein thou Judgest another thou Condemneth thy selfe: fir you may have wickedness enoughe In your hart to say that

you have not Judged but if you should it would be false in you and you have said you Could not be mistaken by no means, so that you are as Enfalable as the Pope:

Topsfield July 31, A. D. 1747

pr me

Benj^a Towne

Sir Observe all the New lits abraid me with my Voating for you to be settled in topsfield and I believe one half of the people would be glad to have you Removed from the Office we put you in to August the 18 A. D. 1747

I am Benj^a Towne

one of the freeholders in Topsfield

Sir

having heard that you find falt with me that I have not sent you a perticelar answer to your paper of february 25, 1745-6, I do asure you that I did write you an answer to your letter of that date after this manner Rev. fir, in your paper of february 25, 1745-6 you say: now this Comes to let you know that I will appoint the time &c. fir you have afsigned your self aggrieved and I think it is your place to appoint the time and if Matth 18. 15. 16 be binding on you, then my house is the place and not Capⁿ Goulds. and you may remember that you did promis me that you would make them things Eassey that I said you was to blame for, and you have neglected that allmost one year Contrary to your word and promise, and I suppose you will neglect the time you spoke of till you think men will be weared out for I Realy believe you dont regard your word any more than the fals prophets of old did who measured them selves by them selves &c and you say also, let me know what you would disofe upon and whome you desire to bring with you &c. fir I think for an aggrieved minister to write after that manner to one of his parisinors and never tell him what he is aggrieved for is Contrary to the Rules of the gospel and seemeth Like your selfe, for if you are aggrieved certainly it is your bisness to tell what it is for, for the word faith go and tell him, so that if you have aney Regard to that gospel you pretend to preach you have mistook your self as

much as you did when you said you was but a fool to your Negro man in prayer

Benj^a Towne

Topsfield february the 28, 1745-6

Sir you may by Comparing if you have not Lost the other see this is a Copy of the same Letter Except the three top Lines. Sir I desire you to tell nothing but what is true as I do about you. Topsfield October the 13, 1747

Benj^a Towne

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Convened and mett together this second day of November A D 1747 the humble petition of Benjamin Towne of said Topsfield humbly sheweth that he hath not attended the publick worship of God at Topsfield (by Reason of Mr Emersons being fals to his word and promis) for more then one year and half Last past wherefore my desire is that you would abate my Rate to the ministry in Topsfield from that time to this, and in so doing you will oblige yor petitioner.

Benj^a Towne

Rev. Sir

Whereas on the 19 Day of november 1747 you Did Desire me to give you in writing the reasons of my uneasiness with you by the second Day of December 1747. Rev. sir in Obedience to your Request, I preceed to say in the first place by your pretending to tell who was gone to hell and who should go to hell in both prayer and sermon

2ly your saying that all them that Did not Come in before that prayer was Done should be Damned, I understood you into the mode of that new work.

3ly your allowing or not forbidding many Inferior or Eilrate parsons to be Exorters in the meeting house

4ly your saying if such persons should there tongs the stons would cry out

5ly your saying that there was not a Book nor a Chapter nor a verse in the bible but that treeted on Chrif

6ly your pretending to tell when parsons seremed and

made a great nois that they were favingly Brought home to Chrif and your Calling on others to give thanks for them when maney of your parisinors Did not think it was for the glory of God

7ly my Letters that I have sent to you will show you the other Reafons of my uneasiness as plain and as fully as if I should new draueft them

8ly your faying if aney parson ever flept in the meeting house they had not a fpark of grace nor the fear of God before their eyes. Rev. fir thefe with the Reafons given you in my Letters are the main and principle things of my uneafnefs as well as the uneafenets of a great maney elfe in your parrifh. I fubscribe my felfe your Reconfilable parifinor Benjamin Towne.

Topsfield December th 2, 1747.

Times of Difcorfe

about the Later End of the year: 1742 february first Difcofe with m^r Emerson m^r George Bixby was By

The Next Sabbath m^r Emerson Declared that Religion Never gained aneything by Difputs but allways Lost So I for bore untill the year 1743

then firstly in a town meeting then I motioned about the flax and hiproct, after that Several times alone—and he chofe Rather to Reflect much

february 1743 With m^r Emerson m^r Jofeph Herrick and m^r Nath^l Porter Jun^r there born Divels

then in September 1744 with m^r Emerson alone in my field

then in a town meeting m^r Emerson faid things and deneoyed it

then at m^r Israel Clarks Thomas baker David Comins Mathew Peabedy are by

then march 1744 Difcofed with m^r Emerson he promised to make matters easy

M^r Roges of Boxford and M^r Clark of the Vilage are named if there shall be Cafe for parsons to Determine David Comings Mathew peabody Israel Clark & Quarter mafter Baker being all with me.

- 1ly for aney minister to pretend to tell who is gone to hell or who shall go to hell is what no parson can tell and therfor it is fals and ground less: Especiall in Congratational Churcheses although the Church of Room doth pretend to it
- 2ly for aney minister to pretend when he is at prayer that all such parsons as doth not Com in before that prayer be Done shall be Damned, If Limiting God and taking his work out of his hand and erecting a tribunial of their own Contrary to the known Laws of God and must yet in New England be Looked on as fals for we have not so Learned Christ but from his word we are taught Judg not that ye be not Judged and thus Renders his offerings a Corrupt thing and it may be feared he is a Deceiver and if so then Cursed be the deceiver that hath a mate and offreth to the Lord a Corrupt thing
- 3ly for aney minister to alow of or Incourage Igront or inferior parsons to be Exorters is Contrary to the known Ruls and order of the Laws of god and may be Looked upon as of a daingrous Consequence Reed the account of Uszah and of King Uziah
- 4ly for any minister to pretend that he can tell who is savingly Brought home to Christ by a sudden qualm is a new standerd Erected for god only knows the hart and although we are to hope for the Best yet to declare this or that parson is savingly Brought home to Christ is what we dont know and so must be Looked upon as hath fals and groundless Judging
- 5ly for a minister to Discose with one of his parrice in private and pretend to forgit or to denie what he said may Justly give his parrifioner grounds to abhorre him
- 6ly for a minister to promis to mak the agreeviances of any one of his parrish Easey and to delay the matter year after year is nothing fhort of plain Lying
- 7ly for a minister to write a letter or Letters to aney one of his parrish and subscribe himself Ingred & agreeeved and to ask his parrisiner why he had not taken the Rule in math 18. 15. 16 when sd minister is guilty of the Violation of matth aforesaid is a ftraing Confounding the order of the gospel

8ly for a minister when he is in Dispute with aney one of his parrish to Declare that he is but a fool in prayer to a poor Ignorant Negro that Could not Reed nor did not know how maney gods there was must needs be Looked upon not true in it selfe and done to deceive others or to proseed from a distracted brain

9ly for a minister to pretend that parsons were Born Divels or if Children of wrath then Children of the Divel is fals and what Cannot be Reconfiled with truth for if once a Divel they Eternally will Remain so

10ly for a minister to Refuse to Discose with severall of his parrish Except he had sum of his party there and So to devid his parishioners into partys is of Daingrous Consequence

11ly for a minister to pretend to and tell his parisionars that the Divel had sturred up ould ministers to oppose this Blessed work hath a tendancy to bring the miniftry in to Contempt and is Rash Judging and to say no wors Looketh Like founding their own trumpet as if they ware good ministers when it is to be feared they are gilty of the violation of ye holy Laws of god and he declares that which is not true for he dont know the hart

12ly for a minister to strip open his Boosom and threaten to spend his Blood in or for his will Looketh more Like a piret or a Romanlick pretender than a gospel minister in New England

firstly for aney minister to pretend to tell who is gone to hell or who shall go to hell is what no parson can tell and therefore it is fals and groundless for aney to pretend to it, Especially in Congregational Churches although I confesse the Church of Room doth pretend to it 2ly on the other fid 3ly for any minister to declar when he is at prayer that all parsons that did not Come in before this prayer was done would be damned Is Limiting God and taking his work out of his hands and Erecting a tribunal

of their own Contrary to the known Laws of god & must yet in New England I think be esteemed of as fals for him to say so for we have not so Learned Christ but from his word we are taught Judg not that ye be not Judged—and thus I think he Renders his offring a corrupt thing and it may be feared he is a decevir as it is said in Malachi 1-14 but Cursd be the Deceiver . . . which offreth to the Lord a Corrupt thing so I think it may be said of such a minister

2ly for M^r Emerson when prayers are asked for in publick by aney of his parrish by Reason of their being sick to Declar if they die they will all go to hell is Very Discourigin to others to ask prayers in Cafe of sickness and he declares that which he knows nothing about for God only knows the hart and God hath said in his word I will be gracious and will shew mercy on whome I will shew mercy and I think god hath not Committed the Judging of and fixing of men's Eternal Estate either in heaven or hell to aney man on earth—and I think it must be esteemed of as Rash fals and Eronis Judging and is Just matter of offence: although the Church of Room doth pretend to it

3ly for aney minister to allow of or not forbid but Rather Incourage Ignorant or Inferior parsons to be Exorters in a Meeting House is contrary to the known Ruls & order of the Laws of god and may be Looked upon as of a daingerous Consequence; reed the account of Uzzah & of King Uzzih and is I think Just matter of offence

4ly for any Minister to Incourage any to screem and yell and make all maner of disorderly noises—and then for him to say that if these parsons should hold their tongs the stones would Cry out, must I think be accounted fals and done to Diceive others and make them think well of Bad actions

5ly for aney minister to say there was not a book nor a Chapter nor a Verse in the Bible but that treeted on on Christ I think is false for the whole Book of Esther hath nothing in it about God nor Christ and I think it must be allowed fals Doctrin

6ly for aney minister to declare that parsons are savingly brought home to Christ by a sudding qualm or by

of their own contrary to the known laws of God & must yet in New England I think be esteemed of as false for him to say so for we have not so learned Christ but from his word we are taught that ye be not judged—and thus I think he renders his offering a corrupt thing—and it may be feared he is a deceiver as it is said in Malachi 1:14 but Ours be the Deceiver . . . which words to the Lord a corrupt thing is I think it may be said of such a minister

Sly for Mr Emerson when prayers are asked for in public by any of his parish by reason of their being sick to Death if they die they will all go to hell is Very Discouraging to others to ask prayers in Case of sickness and he declares that which he knows nothing about for God only knows the heart and God hath said in his word I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy and I think God hath not Committed the Judging of and fixing of men's Eternal Estate either in heaven or hell to any man on earth—and I think it must be esteemed of as false and Eternally Judging and is just matter of offence; although the Church of Rome doth pretend to it

Sly for any minister to show of or not forbid but Rather encourage Ignorant or Ignorant persons to be Excluded in a Meeting House is contrary to the known Laws & order of the Laws of God and may be looked upon as of a dangerous Consequence; read the account of Uzzah & of King Uzziah and is I think just matter of offence

Sly for any Minister to encourage any to lewdness and yell and make all manner of disorderly noises—and then for him to say that if these persons should hold their tongues the houses would cry out must I think be accounted false and done to Discourage others and make them think well of bad actions

Sly for any minister to say there was not a book nor a Chapter nor a Verse in the Bible but that twisted on Christ I think is false for the whole Book of Esther hath nothing in it about God nor Christ and I think it must be allowed this Doctrine

Sly for any minister to declare that persons are lawfully brought home to Christ by a sudden quaking or by

grooning or screeching is a new Doctring for god only knows the hart and allthough we are to hope for the best yet to Declar this or that parson is saviingly brought home to Christ is what he dont know and I think it must be Looked upon as Rash fals and groundles Judging, and then to Call on others to give thanks for them—when I Realy believe the Effects was prodused by a bad art for it said that the Jesewits do produce such Effects on their Zelots and our bible tells us that Simon the Soser bewiched the people—and history tells us of the Quakers: and of the pope and of Mehamet all being under such Impulses and all making great pretencies to be spiritual men or holy father Confessers, but Even amongs the popes the want of money is a mortal sin for they it is said cant geet out of purgetory without money; so that I think it is Just matter of offence in Congregationall Churches to produce fuch effects and declar such things

7ly for a Minister to write a Letter or Letters to aney one of his parish and subscribe him self Ingred and agreeved and to ask his parisioner why he had not taken the rule in Mat 18-15-16 when said minister if he be Ingred or agreeved must be gilty of the Violation of Matthew aforesaid having never attend the Rule of the gospels is a fraing Confounding of the order of the gospel and is Just matter of offence

8ly for a minister when he is in Dispute with aney one of his parisioners to Declar that he is but a fool in prayer to a poor Ignorant Negro that could not Reed nor did not know how many gods there was must I think be accounted not true in him or Else be not fitt for a minister and done to deceive others or Else to profed from a distracted Crafey Brain

8ly for any minister to say that if aney parson Ever flept in the meeting house they had not a spark of grace nor the fear of god before their Eyes, is Rash fals and Eronious Judging Contrary to the Rule Christ hath left in the gospel—in Matth 26-40-41-43—and he Cometh unto his disciples and findeth them asieep and said unto Peter: what Could ye not watch with me one hour: Watch and pray that ye Enter not into temptation:—the Spirit In deed is willing but the flesh is weak—and

grooming or fawning is a new boasting for God only knows the heart and although we are to hope for the best yet to Decker this or that person is lavishly brought home to Christ is what he don't know and I think it must be looked upon as a rash tale and groundless judging and then to call on others to give thanks for them—when I really believe the effects was produced by a bad art for it said that the Jesuits do produce such effects on their Zealots and our bible tells us that Simon the Sorcerer bewitched the people—and history tells us of the Quakers and of the pope and of Mahomet all being under such impulses and all making great pretences to be spiritual men or holy father Confessors, but given among the popes the want of money is a mortal sin for they it is said cast out of purgatory without money; so that I think it is just matter of offence in Congregational Churches to produce such effects and declare such things.

Why for a minister to write a letter or letters to any one of his parish and subscribe him self injured and aggrieved and to ask his parishioner why he had not taken the rate in 1845-46 when said minister if he be injured or aggrieved must be guilty of the violation of Matthew's command having never attended the Rule of the gospel is a fitting Confronting of the order of the gospel and is just matter of offence.

Why for a minister when he is in dispute with any one of his parishioners to Decker that he is but a fool in prayer to a poor ignorant Negro that could not read nor did not know how many gods there was must I think be accounted not true in him or else he not fit for a minister and done to deceive others or else to protect from a dis-

tracted Crisley brain.

Why for any minister to say that if any person Ever slept in the meeting house they had not a spark of grace nor the fear of God before their eyes is a rash tale and a monstrous Judging Contrary to the Rule Christ hath left in the gospel—in Math 23-40-41-42—and he Cometh unto his disciples and bade them sleep and said unto Peter: what couldst thou watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation:—the spirit is dead is willing but the flesh is weak—and

he Came and found them a fleep again: for their Eyes were heavey here Christ doth not Condemn his disciples to be greslefs and feerless but Considers the Infirmities of the human natur and I think allthough fleeping in a meeting house Cannot be Justified to be good yet there is no minister hath a Right of Judging Parsons gracelefs for boderly Infirmitis and it is Just matter of offence fo to Judge Rashly

Articals of Letters

1ly for a minister to write Letters Reflecting is Juft matter of offence when he by his own Letters hath proved him felf gilty of the Violation of Matth 15-15-16

2ly for Mr Emerson to say he was but a fool to his neegro in prayer, faid neegro being a poor Ignorant Cretor that Could not Reed nor did not know how maney gods there was must I think be Counted fals in him or Else be not fit for a minister and done to deceve others or to fay no worse to profeed from a Distracted Crasey Brain

3ly for Mr Emerson to teach the people that they are born divels: and then to Justife and fay if Children of Rath then Children of the divel, Is fals doctring and what Cannot be Reconsiled with truth for if once a divel they will Eternally Remain fo for Chrifft never died for divels nor Beasts and I think it Just matter of offence

4ly for mr Emerson to Discose with me alone in private and pretend to forgit or denoy what he faid, may Justly give me grounds to abhore him and Count him a Covenant Braker

5ly for mr Emerson to charge it on maney of the Town that they had not a spark of grace nor the fouls of men in them if they did not Voat for him to have fuch a fum of money which he named, feemeth as if he would make them believe that grace and fouls ware purchafed of him by money—and is much Like that of perfons giving money to geet out of purgetory—and then when he is Charged with faying fuch words in a few minits after he faid it boldly to denoy it—Is nothing fhort of plain Lying

6ly for Mr Emerson to Refufe to Discose with feveral

he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy: here Christ doth not condemn his disciples to be grieved and restless but considers the infirmities of the human nature: and I think although sleeping in a meeting house cannot be justified to be good yet there is no minister hath a right of judging persons grieved for bodily infirmities and it is just matter of offence to judge rashly.

Articles of Letters

1st for a minister to write letters reflecting is just matter of offence when he by his own letters hath proved him self guilty of the Violation of Matt 15-19-20

2nd for Mr Emerson to say he was not a fool to his negro in prayer, and negro being a poor ignorant creature that could not read nor did not know how many gods there was must I think be counted false in him or else he not fit for a minister and does to deceive others or to say no worse to proceed from a Disturbed Crazy Brain

3rd for Mr Emerson to teach the people that they are born divels: and then to justify and say if Children of Rath then Children of the divel, is false doctrine and what cannot be reconciled with truth for if once a divel they will eternally remain so for Christ never died for divels nor beasts and I think it just matter of offence

4th for Mr Emerson to disagree with me alone in private and pretend to forgive or deny what he said, may justly give me grounds to abhor him and count him a Covenant Breaker

5th for Mr Emerson to charge it on many of the Town that they had not a spark of grace nor the souls of men in them if they did not Vote for him to have such a sum of money which he named, testeth as if he would make them believe that grace and souls were purchased of him by money—and is much like that of persons giving money to get out of purgatory—and then when he is charged with saying such words in a few minutes after he laid it boldly to deny it—is nothing short of plain

6th for Mr Emerson to Refuse to Dispute with several

of his parrish Except he had sum of his party there and so to devide his parisioners in to partys is of daingerous Confequence and hath a tendancy to make one abhore him and Rendreth him not fit for a Minister to one party

7ly for mr Emerson to promis that he would make my agreviancies Easey and to delay the matter year after year I think Looks as if he had no regard to his word or the good of my soul—and yearly to take my money when he doth me no service i think is not Just nor honest nor agreeable to his own advice to sum other people.

8ly when prayers are asked for by aney of Mr Emersons parish for him to declare if they should die they would go to hell is Just matter of ofence—and is Contrary to the gospel according to James the 5 Cha 14 & 15 verses Is aney sick among you let him call for the Elders of the Church and Let them pray over him anointing him with oyl in the name of the Lord—15 and the prayers of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall Rais him up: and if he hath Committed sins they shall be forgiven him here the apostle dont say that the Elders shall say they are guilty of damnable sins and if they Die they will go to hell neither hath god Committed the Judging of Mens Eternal Estate to aney minister on Earth, although there are Corrup fals teachers that doth pretend to it and I think it is a shame to aney in New England to pretend that such prayers are agreeable to the word of god, and that they are not ofended at it

9ly for m^r Emerson to write as he did in his Letter of Apriel y^e 22. 1746 that is and would observe to you that the main thing at present betwen us by Letters you still neglect to Refolve me in—I think these words in Mr Emersons Letter must be fals as I have observed to him in my Letter and Carrey in them the natur of a lie—for in his first and third Letters to me he Spent great part of his time in his writing in Charging me with the Violation of Matth. 18. 15. 16. and in three of my Letters before to him I had Endeavored by Numbrs of Instances to show him that I had in sum good measur observed the Rule in Matthew aforesaid with him and Mr Emerson and I never had changed a word together about our meeting at Cap^{tn} Goulds as I know of so that to meet at Cap^{tn}

of his party. Except he had him of his party there and to divide his possessions in to party is of dangerous consequence and hath a tendency to make one abuse him and Henshaw him not fit for a Minister to one party.

81y for Mr Emerson to promise that he would make my grievances easy and to delay the matter year after year I think looks as if he had no regard to his word or the good of my soul—and yearly to take my money when he doth me no service I think is not just nor honest nor agreeable to his own advice to turn other people.

82y when prayers are asked for by any of Mr Emerson's parish for him to declare if they should die they would go to hell is just matter of offence—and is contrary to the gospel according to James the 5 Chs 14 & 15 verses is any sick among you let him call for the Elders of the Church and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord—15 and the prayers of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up: and if he hath committed sins they shall be forgiven him here the apostle don't say that the Elders shall say they are guilty of damnable sins and if they die they will go to hell neither hath God committed the judging of Mens Eternal Estate to any minister on Earth, although there are Corrupt false teachers that doth pretend to it and I think it is a shame to any in New England to pretend that such prayers are agreeable to the word of God, and that they are not attended at it.

83y for Mr Emerson to write as he did in his letter of April y^e 22. 1746 that is and would observe to you that the main thing at present between us by Letters you still neglect to resolve me in—I think their words in Mr Emerson's letter must be false as I have observed to him in my letter and Carrey in their the nature of a lie—for in his first and third letters to me he spent great part of his time in his writing in charging me with the Violation of Matt. 18. 15. 16. and in three of my letters before to him I had answered by Numbers of instances to show him that I had in fine good measure cleared the line in Matthew also said with him and Mr Emerson and I never had changed a word together about our meeting at Cap^m Goulds as I know of to that to meet at Cap^m

Goulds could not be a main thing in our Letters—no nor so much as worthy the name of a thing in Comparison with matthew afore said

Artical 10 your Wishing that there Never was aney more salt nor Rum to Come to the Contry

Answer: her fir as you have Landed your discease against the Salvation of mens souls—for if once a Divil they will Eferniably Remain so—and to perswad People to believe you have tould us that the divel had stired up old Ministers to oppose the work of god—so in this Artical you Even Level yourself against the good of mankind by distroying the greatest branch of trade in this Contry for if it was not for salt there Could not be aney salt fish trade, nor any meet fitt to eat in the heit of Sumer Except it ware for dogs: and would aney man in his Right Reason wish so much hurt to his fellow Creaturs as at one blast to destroy both soul and body: for if it ware not for salt we Could not maintain no trad at home or abroad and must fall a sacrifice to our Enemis: if this be Just you may as well wish that ther never might grow aney more Corn becase sum gluttens parsons eat a great quantity of pooden, and fertianly I have seen you to use salt at a table and to drink Rum at a tavern—but to Close all I Cannot think you are fitt for a Minister to wish so much hurt to your fellow Creeturs to deprive them of what god hath made for their Comfort—but to say no worce I Realy believe what Mr Emerson said did procede from a Distracted Crasey brain—for if this was once brought to pass there Could not be money to pay ministers and if men believed they was then they had as goods hire the Divil as you

the reasons why I think the Revernd M^r John Emerson to have been in an Erroer his Declaring Saul was as Certainly in hell as David in heaven: and Declaring manafsa was Sertnly in or gone to heaven—and maney other things of the Like Natur and at John Dwinels funrel when he had made a great noise and made sum parsons to Run about saying here is hell and there is hell and others Crying out Cursing their prid and hard harts he Set down and smiled or Lafed which was his Comon

Goulds could not be a main thing in our letters—no not
to much as worthy the name of a thing in Comparison
with Matthew's story.

Article 10 Your Wishing that there Never was any
more felt nor Run to Come to the County
Answer; but if as you have I should your disease
against the Salvation of men souls—for it once a Devil
they will eternally remain to—and to pervert People to
believe you have told us that the devil had tried up
old Ministers to oppose the work of God—in this Art.
and you Even level yourself against the good of man-
kind by destroying the greatest branch of trade in this
Country for it was not for this that Goulds not be any
the less trade, nor any meet fit to eat in the belt of
Summer Except it were for dogs; and would any man in
his Right Reason will to much hurt to his fellow Creatures
as at one blow to destroy both soul and body; for if it
were not for this we could not maintain no trade at home
or abroad and must fall a sacrifice to our Enemies: it this
be just you may as well wish that there never might grow
any more Corn beside him ghastly persons eat a great
quantity of poison, and certainly I have seen you to sit
at a table and to drink Rum at a tavern—but to
Close all I cannot think you are fit for a Minister to
wish to much hurt to your fellow Creatures to deprive
them of what God hath made for their Comfort—but to
lay no worse I Really believe what Mr Emerson said did
proceed from a mistaken Crusty brain—for if this was
once brought to pass there could not be money to pay
ministers and it men believed they was then they had as
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Certainly in hell as David in heaven; and Deceiving
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other things of the like Nature and at John Dwinells
funeral when he had made a great noise and made him
persons to Run about saying here is hell and there is hell
and others Crying out Cursing their paid and paid parts
he set down and filled or laded which was his Common

practis after wards for sum time and then on a Sabbath day when there had been screeming belowing and yelling as I thought Like the Resemblance of hell he came in and gave thanks that there was a shaking amongst the dry bones & that the voice of the spouse was heard a far off and at other times he would Lement the with Draw of the Spirit when there was not such Like uproar I heard Mr Emerson say that the Diavel had ftired up sum ministers to appose this good work and he declared that parsons Could not help Crying out then a wooman in Child birth

Mr Emerfon Discosed with me in my Brick yard September 1744 and after a long discose about the new work of striking Mr Emerson Said to me he was not the only minister that had been mistaken about these times and that it had been a time of great delusions and that things had not turned out as he Expected and that he believed there was maney good ministers had been mistaken in these things and he Said I might see he was a Coming off from them by his Sermon he preached the Last Sabbath and I tould him if he was fensable he had been in a Rong way he ought publickly to tell the people of it and he said if he should there was a great many of them that was that way would be worce agains him then I was and he said it would be a difficult thing to be a minister and he said I must forgive him for ministers ware but men and pass by all offences and I tould him I Could freely Do it if I thought he was fencer in what he said, and he said he was and desired me to give him my hand and i tould him i desired to prove him seven days i ment in publick for which i Coted the Case of mariames being a lepard And for Mr Emerson to Charg it on us that we had not a spark of grace or the souls of men in us if we did not Voat for him to have such a sum of money which he named, seemeth as if he would make us believe that souls and grace was purchased of the Clargy by money much Like y^t of parsons giving money to geet their Relations out of purgatory and then when he is charged with saying so in a few minits boldly to denioy it and say he never said so is nothing short of plain Lying and

2ly for mr Emerson to write and say as he did in his

practise after wards for four time and then on a Sabbath day when there had been foretelling howling and yelling as I thought like the Resemblance of hell he came in and gave thanks that there was a shaking amongst the dry bones & that the voice of the sparrow was heard a far off and at other times he would lament the with Draw of the Spirit when there was not such like sparrow. I heard Mr Emerson say that the Devil had fired up four ministers to oppose this good work and he declared that persons Could not help crying out then a woman in Child birth

Mr Emerson Discosed with me in my little yard September 1714 and after a long discose about the new work of looking Mr Emerson said to me he was not the only minister that had been mistaken about these times and that it had been a time of great delusions and that things had not turned out as he expected and that he believed there was many good ministers had been mistaken in these things and he said I might see he was a Coming off from them by his Sermon he preached the last Sabbath and I told him if he was sensible he had been in a Wrong way he ought publicly to tell the people of it and he said if he should there was a great many of them that was that way would be worse against him then I was and he said it would be a difficult thing to be a minister and he said I must forgive him for ministers were but men and paid by all offences and I told him I Could freely Do it if I thought he was sincere in what he said and he said he was and desired me to give him my hand and I told him I desired to prove him seven days I meant in publick for which I Coud the Case of ministers being a legend And for Mr Emerson to Charge it on us that we had not a spark of grace or the souls of men in us it we did not Vot for him to have such a sum of money which he named, something as if he would make us believe that souls and graces was purchased of the Church by money much like y of persons giving money to keep their Relations out of purgatory and then when he is charged with laying in a few minits belly to change it and say he never laid in nothing about of plain lying and

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Letter of April 22, 1746 viz and would observe to you that the main thing at present in Controvacy betwen us by Letters you still neglect to Refolve me in—these words I think in m^r Emersons Letter must be false and Carrey in them the Natur of a Ly, for in his first Letter to me with the Violation of matth 18 15-16 and in my three first Letters to him: by a number of Instances I Endeavored to shew him that I had in sum good measure observed the Rule in Matth aforesaid with him and m^r Emerson and I never had Changed a word to gether a bout Cap^{tn} Goulds as I Remember so that to meet at Cap^{tn} Goulds Could not be a main thing no nor so much as worthy of the name of a thing in Comparison with Matth afore said

Elisha Towne Testifieth and faith that he heard the Rev m^r Emerson at a Town Meeting say that all you that will not Voat for me to have such a sum of Money (which he Named) had not a spark of grace nor the fouls of men in you
Elisha Towne

Joseph Herrick & David Commings testifieth and faith that on a Town meeting Day in Topsfield they heard the Revernd M^r John Emerson say that they that did not Voat for him to have such a sum of money as he named had not a spark of grace nor the fouls of men in them and we heard Benjamin Towne in discose with Mr Emerson about his saying such words in a few minits after he said it, and m^r Emerson Declared he never said so

Joseph Herrick
David Comings

Nathaniel Porter Jun^r testifieth and faith that being in Company with M^r Emerson and Benj^a Towne, he heard Said Towne Charge mr Emerson with saying that all parsons were Born Divels, and mr Emerson made answer if Children of Rath then Children of the Divel.

Nath^l Porter Jun^r

Joseph Herrick being in Company with M^r Emerson & Nath^l Porter Ju^r & Benj^a Towne at the same time testifieth to all above written
Joseph Herrick

Letter of April 22, 1746 viz and would observe to you that the main thing at present in controversy between us by letters you will neglect to believe me in—these words I think in Mr. Emerson's Letter must be false and carry in them the Nature of a Lye, for in his first Letter to me with the Violation of month 18-15-16 and in my three first Letters to him; by a number of instances I endeavored to show him that I had in fact good measure observed the Rule in Math otherwise with him and Mr. Emerson and I never had changed a word to gather a point Cap^d Goulds as I remember to that to meet at Cap^d Goulds could not be a main thing no not so much as worthy of the name of a thing in comparison with Math alone said

Eliza Towne Testeth and faith that he heard the Rev^d Mr. Emerson at a Town Meeting say that all you that will not Vot for me to have such a sum of Money (which he named) had not a spark of grace nor the souls of men in you

Joseph Herrick & David Comings testeth and faith that on a Town meeting Day in Topsfield they heard the Reverend Mr. John Emerson say that they that did not Vot for him to have such a sum of money as he named had not a spark of grace nor the souls of men in them and we heard Benjamin Towne in discourse with Mr. Emerson about his saying such words in a few minutes after he said it, and Mr. Emerson declared he never said so.

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David Comings

Nathaniel Porter Jun^r testeth and faith that being in Company with Mr. Emerson and Benj^r Towne, he heard Said Towne Charge Mr. Emerson with saying that all persons were born Devils, and Mr. Emerson made answer if Children of Nath^l then Children of the Devil.

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I am yours &c John Emerson

Topsfield June 24 1748.

For Lieu^t Benjamin Town

In Topsfield

Topsfield December 12, 1749.

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Salem Gazette, July 1, 1856.

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The crops of grain never appeared better. The crops of English Hay never surpassed the present; in fact, all kinds of business are very prosperous and flourishing.

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The officers of the Club are the following:—President, Joel Lake, Esq. ; Vice Presidents, J. W. Healy, N. Conant, B. Kimball, Samuel S. McKenzie, J. G. Hood ; Directors, T. K. Leach, Thomas P. Mundy, Samuel Clifford, Jeremiah Balch, Humphrey Balch, Jacob Foster, Samuel Adams ; Secretary, G. L. Gleason.

The following resolutions were adopted :

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Resolved, That we recognize in John C. Fremont, the noble, patriotic, enlightened, enterprising *man* for these times—on whom at the head of our National Government we may rely to secure these results.

Resolved, That as he has opened for us a path to the land of gold and to the Pacific, so it is the purpose of the friends of freedom and the lovers of their country, to open for him in the next Presidential Election a way to the chair of the Executive of the Nation.

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Salem Gazette, July 22, 1856.

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Salem Gazette, Oct. 21, 1856.

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Salem Gazette, Jan. 6, 1857.

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Topsfield is within an hour's ride of Boston, and we wonder that some of the wealthy persons of the metropolis do not purchase and improve some of the pleasant lands which abound in the town. The village nestles within a complete surrounding of fertile hills, ever green and luxuriant, over which blows the wholesome western breeze, as pure as if wafted straight from heaven. Ipswich river passes through the town, too, and adds its share to the picturesque beauty of the place, especially after the heavy rains. To one who desires to witness the little town of Topsfield in full regalia of nature, we would commend a walk, some pleasant morning, to the old Toll House upon the Turnpike; though "great Hill" may doubtless furnish a better view *outside* the town limits.

Salem Gazette, May 24, 1857.

TOPSFIELD. The fourth of July will be celebrated in Topsfield by the ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Society, who will hold a Social Gathering at Union Hall, at 9 o'clock on the morning of that day. Distinguished speakers will be present from Boston, Salem, Lynn, Chelsea, Danvers, and other places. Martial music by several performers. A choir of singers and a quadrille club will be in attendance. The proceeds to be appropriated to financial and benevolent objects. Cars leave Topsfield for Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill and Newburyport, at 4 o'clock, and for Danvers, Salem, and Boston, at 5.50 P. M.

Salem Gazette, June 30, 1857.

TOPSFIELD.—The Assessors of Topsfield have completed their census of Legal Voters and Inhabitants, and arrive at the following results:—

No. of Legal Voters,	293
" " Inhabitants. . . .	1202
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" " Enrolled Militia,	200
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Salem Gazette, June 8, 1858.

The Supreme Court have recently sent down from Suffolk County their decision on the long contested case between Wm. Peabody and the Town of Topsfield. The pltf. originally recovered a verdict against the town of \$1235, for injuries received by reason of alleged defects in the highway. A motion was made to set aside the verdict, but was overruled and judgment was ordered on the verdict, and execution was duly issued, but while in the progress of enforcement, a petition for a new trial was filed by the town upon the ground of newly discovered evidence, and a *supercedeas* issued to the officer holding the execution, ordering a stay of the process until after a hearing of the petition. A hearing was had at the recent term of the S. J. Court, and the Chief Justice, who presided, took the matter under advisement. It seems from the decision he has recently communicated to the Clerk of Courts, that the petition for new trial is dismissed. The original judgment therefore stands affirmed.

Salem Gazette, July 6, 1858.

For the Salem Gazette.

THE TREADWELL FARM.

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The Supreme Court have recently sent down to Suffolk County their decision on the long contested case between Wm. Peabody and the Town of Topsfield. The plaintiff originally recovered a verdict against the town of \$1233, for injuries received by reason of alleged defects in the highway. A motion was made to set aside the verdict, but was overruled and judgment was ordered on the verdict and execution was duly issued, but while in the progress of enforcement, a petition for a new trial was filed by the town upon the ground of newly discovered evidence, and a subpoena issued to the officer holding the execution, ordering a stay of the process until after a hearing of the petition. A hearing was had at the recent term of the S. J. Court, and the Chief Justice, who presided, took the matter under advisement. It seems from the decision he has recently communicated to the Clerk of Courts, that the petition for new trial is dismissed. The original judgment therefore stands affirmed.

Salem Gazette, July 6, 1858.

THE TREADWELL FARM.

Mr. Editor.—The Essex Agricultural Society have not yet decided upon the measures they should pursue in relation to the Treadwell Farm, as there is no person who

could inform the public respecting Dr. Treadwell's views in regard to this matter? He undoubtedly had some general plan of operation in his mind when he made the bequest. It is a pity that he did not explain in detail the course he wished the Society to pursue in their management of the farm. But as he has not done this, it remains for the Society to adopt some plan that would seem the most expedient to carry out the will of the testator.

That he intended the farm should be used for experimental purposes, is made manifest by the conditions of the bequest, which provides that the farm shall be forfeited for the benefit of the Mass. Gen. Hospital, if it should ever be used for anything else except an experimental farm. The Society has no right to lease it, or to give it away, nor to place it beyond the control of the Society, by giving it up to the management of a single individual.

Among the plans which have been proposed for the management of the farm, the following are the most important:

1. It is proposed to make the farm the centre of all the operations of the Society; the place for holding their Annual Exhibitions, and for all meetings for the transaction of the Society's business; the place for the Clerk's office, the library, cabinet and documents, and the depot for the live stock and other property of the Society, not in funds. For these purposes certain buildings should be erected on the farm, and the whole should be placed under the management of a superintendent, whose qualifications are not particularized.

2. A second proposition is to give some practical farmer the rent and profits of the farm for an indefinite period, on the condition that he will perform certain experiments, proposed occasionally by the Trustees; or to give the rent and profits of the farm to any practical farmer who will agree to instruct a certain number of boys in the practical business of farming, thus making it a sort of private agricultural school.

3. Another proposal was made by Mr. Flagg, in his Essay on Experimental Farming, published in the last

number of the Society's Transactions. In this essay it is proposed to place a man of liberal education upon the farm as Superintendent, who should make it a sort of depot of general, practical and scientific information. It should be his duty, besides overseeing the practical operations of the farm, to keep a journal of these operations, also meteorological and entomological journals, to which the members of the Society and others might refer for any information which they might afford; the Superintendent holding a correspondence with other societies and experimenters, and furnishing periodical reports to the Trustees. The labor of the farm would be performed by hired men under his supervision. This plan might easily be combined with the one under the first head.

Lastly it has been proposed to give the farm up entirely to the management of some practical farmer, who should occupy it and enjoy its profits, free of rent, for a period of 10, 15, or 20 years, on the condition of keeping a daily journal of all his processes and their results. The Society would exercise no control over its management except to see that the occupant complied with the conditions, and to use the matter of his journal for the benefit of the public.

Drill.

Salem, July 14, 1858.

Salem Gazette, July 20, 1858.

TOPSFIELD ACADEMY.—The Semi-Annual Examination of this successful Institution was on Wednesday, July 15th. The writer had the pleasure of being present in the afternoon, and was highly interested. The exercises commenced with singing by the members of the school, which convinced all that there was no lack of musical talent. Declamations were then given by J. H. Byne, of Galveston, Texas; M. V. B. Perley, of Ipswich; and A. D. Pearson, of Topsfield, all of whom did credit to themselves and the school.

The Orations, with the subjects, were as follows:—The Sons of Liberty, George P. Flint, North Reading; Struggles, Jefferson K. Cole, Boxford; Death, Clarence Fowler, Danvers; Mental Culture, Daniel J. Ames, Ver-shire, Vt.; Influence of Great Men on their Age, Henry

G. Rollins, Georgetown. The orations were creditable to their writers and the school. The last one, by H. G. Rollins, would compare favorably with the best productions of college graduates, and do honor to many men of high pretensions. Next came the reading of the paper published by the school. The Editor, H. G. Rollins, introduced Miss Abbie Cole of Topsfield and Miss Mary Cushing of Williamstown, as the *readers*, who interested those present, for the space of half an hour, with rich gems of thought and wit, causing many a hearty laugh.

We next listened to the reading of essays by the following ladies of the graduating class:—Cornelia M. Thurston of Vershire, Vt., Margaret A. Hoyt, Georgetown, Charlotte A. Perkins, and Ellen F. Kimball of Topsfield. The essays were finely written and very pleasing. The one by Miss Kimball, on the Marriage of the Hemispheres, was particularly good, being written in an easy, natural style, and well read.

At the close of the exercises, Diplomas were presented to those graduating, with appropriate remarks by the worthy and able Principal, O. D. Allis, A. M.

Topsfield Academy has a fine location, and we were happy to find the school in such a flourishing condition.

Although we were told by the Principal that the past term had not been so fully attended as previous terms, yet the school was in a healthy and promising state, and as long as its present Board of Teachers remain, we have high hopes of its success.

AN OLD FRIEND OF EDUCATION.

Salem Gazette, July 23, 1858.

TOPSFIELD. In Topsfield, the noble old pine, which has been a conspicuous object for many years, near the entrance of the village, on land of Mr. Orne, was struck by lightning, on Thursday, and split in two.

Salem Gazette, July 27, 1858.

For the Salem Gazette.

TOPSFIELD ACADEMY.

Permit us to call the attention of the readers of the Salem Gazette and Essex County Mercury to this worthy

Institution. The report has by some means gone abroad that immorality is permitted to exist here to a great extent without molestation. Now, while it is true, that here, as in every other large school, improprieties have sometimes occurred, yet, as in all well conducted schools, they have been promptly and thoroughly banished as soon as discovered. And we are confident that a more upright and moral school than this has been for some time past, and now is, cannot be found.

Mr. Allis, the Principal, is eminently successful as a teacher and disciplinarian. He takes the deepest interest in the moral and religious training of his students, and employs no teachers but those of the first order, whose whole time and energies are devoted to their classes and the school, and those who are experimentally acquainted with the Christian religion.

The location of the Academy is one of the finest in the country. It is situated on the Newburyport Railroad, twenty-five miles from Boston, nine miles from Salem, and twelve miles from Newburyport. It occupies a beautiful eminence, in a central part of the village of Topsfield, commanding a fine view of the surrounding scenery. The town is free from those allurements to vice, drinking and gaming saloons, &c., which are found in most of our towns and villages. There are two churches, of the Methodist and Congregational denominations, at one or the other of which all the students who board in town are required to attend regularly.

While the teachers strive to impart good moral and religious lessons, they are careful to avoid sectarianism in all its forms, so that this is a school for all denominations. In short, we believe that in small expense, in thorough mental discipline, and in freedom from immoral influences, this school possesses advantages over most of our New England schools, and we most heartily recommend it to public favor and patronage.

CIVIS.

Topsfield, July 21, 1858.

Salem Gazette, July 30, 1858.

TOPSFIELD.—*Mr. Editor.*—I see you are picking up scraps for almost every part of the County, but do not say anything about Topsfield.

We will just inform you that we have some lions left, if we have parted with some to supply your city and others.

Although one of our lions, in the shape of a farm, met with a little accident, by some of the stock falling through the floor, which certainly would not have happened if the oxen had not been heavier than any others that had been there before; for I understand the brick was entirely new. The next in course, as you proceed north, is the Treadwell Farm, if not now a lion, is destined ere long to become one; and, we think, has already made a very good beginning, having garnered three hundred bushels of shelled corn the first year of its improved culture, to say nothing of other products. Advance one step further north, and you find yourself in the best pomological garden in the county of Essex, where they sell apples at 7 dollars a barrel the present season. Advance some 30 minutes' walk further, and you come to a young pear tree, which produced the income of 12 dollars at six dollars per bushel, the present year.

If Topsfield is not quite a *city*, it has been predicted that it will become one day a *seaport*; and we had last week some very fine speeches from Gen. Oliver, who, if not a mayor then, is now; and has left his mantle with us, which we hope will one day spread over the city of Topsfield, or some other in the county.

A little incident happened to the General, while visiting the schools. While spending an hour or so in the South School, the General, by his easy, familiar and child-like manner, soon attracted the attention of the whole school. He came to one little bright-eyed and intellectual boy, eight or ten years old, and who had commenced attending school that day, a perfect stranger to the teacher and the Committee present. The General, among other questions, asked the little boy what his name was. The boy very innocently answered,—“*Henry K. Oliver Batchelder!*” The General was not aware he had got so near home.

Last week we were informed that there was no sleighing between Topsfield and Salem; but that from Topsfield to the Canada line the sleighing was perfect.

Salem Gazette, Dec. 21, 1858.

TOPSFIELD.—The bill of mortality in this town for the last year presents a remarkable aspect. Only twenty-two persons have died, the oldest of whom was 85. Four were quite young children, and the remainder were adults, the whole number giving the extraordinary average of more than 50 years. There are few towns which can show a better general bill than Topsfield.—*Reg.*

Salem Gazette, Jan. 7, 1859.

TOPSFIELD.—A Bald Eagle was shot on Thursday last by Mr. Eleazer Lake. The wings when extended measured eight feet. Beat this who can.

Salem Gazette, Jan. 18, 1859.

TOPSFIELD. Eleazer Lake and brother shot, on Saturday last, on the Ipswich river, in Topsfield, seventy muskrats, in fifty-five shots; a great day's work at gunning.

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Salem Gazette, Jan. 28, 1859.

Valuable Farm for Sale in Topsfield.

To be sold at Private Sale all together or in lots to suit purchasers, the valuable Farm formerly known as the DAVID LAKE FARM, containing about one hundred acres of as good land as can be found in Essex County, upon which is a good dwelling-house, two stories high, well supplied with water: two large Barns, one nearly new. Also, a new building, suitable for a Shoe Manufactory, or can be easily made into a dwelling-house.

The Farm is among the most desirable in Topsfield—Seventy-five acres of it lie in a body near the house, and is suitably divided by good stone wall; bounded on the southerly side by the beautiful stream of water, the Ipswich River, which runs on the south side for a considerable distance. This farm is situated in a pleasant and beautiful location. A part of it is upon high land, and commands an extensive prospect of the adjacent country, and is capable of being cut up into superior house lots; this part is bounded by the road on the west, directly opposite the property of Asahel Huntington and George Wheatland, Esqs., of Salem, on the east by land owned by Hon. John Cleaveland, of New York.

Also, four acres of Woodland, in Willis' Woods, in Boxford. Six acres of excellent Salt Marsh in one lot, also another of two acres, both situated on the Hundreds in Ipswich.

The above named farm is well worthy the attention of those who wish to purchase a good estate. It is in one of the best neighborhoods—in a locality combining great beauty, health and social benefits of the highest order. It is a few minutes walk from the Topsfield depot; and the village in which are two flourishing churches, good common schools, and an academy for the education of both sexes, which is acknowledged unsurpassed by any similar institution in Essex county.

Topsfield is situated upon the Newburyport Railroad; is one hour's ride from Boston, and 35 minutes from Newburyport. For further particulars apply to ANDREW GOULD, in Topsfield.

THOMAS J. CLARK.

Amesbury, April 12, 1859.

Salem Gazette, April 12, 1859.

TOPSFIELD.—The students of Topsfield Academy will give an exhibition at Union Hall, on Thursday evening, May 5th. The exhibition will consist of original orations, colloquies, tableaux, recitations, &c. The music will be an attractive feature of the exhibition, being both vocal and instrumental.

The Annual Report of the School Committee of the Town of Topsfield has a vein of excellent good sense running through it. The Committee say:

In our connection with the schools this year, we have observed less disposition among the scholars to attend to fancy branches of studies, to the neglect of the more fundamental and essential branches, such as Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic, and Grammar; and we think these branches are much more important, in the order which we have named them. That is, Reading is of the first importance, and Spelling next.

As to the higher branches, Physiology and most of the ologies, which are directed by the Legislature to be taught in our common schools, we think they should be confined

to the higher schools. It ought not to be required of teachers to be learned in these branches; they belong more particularly to professors in colleges and other high institutions of learning. Females, especially, who are the best teachers for youth, would not spend the time for so great a preparation, in view of the short term which they design for teaching. The smattering of very imperfect knowledge which the pupil would get from such imperfect teaching, could not be very useful or valuable.

The common civilities, the little amenities of life, should be more attended to by parents and teachers.

Salem Gazette, May 3, 1859.

TOPSFIELD ACADEMY.—The Semi-annual Examination of this Institution took place on Wednesday, July 13. It was pleasurable and highly instructive to listen to the Rhetorical Exercises in the afternoon, which consisted of Essays, Recitations, Declamations and Orations. The Essays, by both ladies and gentlemen, displayed much sound practical thought and ready wit, both of which were not wanting in the Poem entitled "Gumption," written by Miss Lucie Weston. The Recitations were a very interesting feature of the exercise, delivered by A. M. Merriam, J. W. Perkins, G. Welch and J. B. Putnam, who, in his always remarkably good manner of speaking, acted the "Lay of the Madman" admirably, thrilling the breast of every hearer. The speakers of Declamations showed taste in selection, determination to improve, and a clear apprehension of the author's thoughts. Next were the Orations; one, entitled "Education, the Parent of Happiness and Prosperity," was neatly written by M. V. B. Perley; the other, entitled "Jephtha's Daughter," was so vividly described and delivered with such pathos, by G. F. Flint, that we could, in imagination, behold the beautiful maiden kneeling before her valiant father to receive her death-blow. All who participated in the exercise (so many that this brief sketch forbids the insertion of all the names) gained credit for themselves and for the school, and showed that they possessed minds, capable, with proper cultivation, of wielding a mighty force for the good of mankind.

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Amicus Educationi.

Salem Gazette, July 19, 1859.

DIED. In Somerville, July 13, of disease of the heart, Lydia Porter, wife of James W. Stearns, Esq., formerly of Salem, and daughter of the late Billy Emerson, Esq., of Topsfield, 66 yrs. 8 mos. 23 days.

Funeral Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

Salem Gazette, July 26, 1859.

TOPSFIELD. The semi-annual examination of Topsfield Academy was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

The condition of this school has been uniformly satisfactory. The instruction has been thorough and accurate, and the discipline of the most pleasant and salutary nature.

The principal, with his highly accomplished aids, have succeeded, in a good degree, in inspiring their pupils with that feeling of self-respect which tends so greatly to promote propriety of deportment and manliness of bearing. The most kindly feeling exists between the teachers and pupils, each having the confidence in the other which is so essential to and promotive of right action. On the last day of examination the hall was crowded with spectators, all the exercises were such as to afford indubitable evidence of great industry and fidelity on the part of teachers and pupils. The exercises of the afternoon were particularly interesting, consisting of Compositions, Recitations and Orations. The compositions were put up in paper-like form, and read by two ladies and two gents. There was much talent exhibited in preparing the articles furnished. There are many excellent writers in this school, as was seen by the Orations which followed. They

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It is a matter of sincere regret on the part of all concerned, that the school is about to lose the services of Mrs. Jones, the highly accomplished and efficient assistant. She has been connected with this school for several years, and her labors have been eminently and entirely satisfactory. She has enjoyed the confidence of her patrons, and she will ever be gratefully remembered by her pupils.

A SPECTATOR.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 22, 1859.

Topsfield Academy.

The Winter Term of this old and well known Institution will commence MONDAY, Nov. 28. Tuition and Board as heretofore. For a Catalogue or further information, address the Principal, A. A. Dutton.

Topsfield, Mass., Nov. 22, 1859.

Salem Gazette, Nov. 22, 1859.

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Daniel Bisby, Per Order.

Topsfield, January 27, 1860
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Robert Perkins Junr.

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Ethel Irene Hoffer (Stamham), dau. of Louis A. and Dora (Meyer) Hoffer.
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Eva G. Harris (Danvers), dau. of William F. and Mabel L. (Sanford) Harris.
- Oct. 5. { William C. Long (Topsfield), son of Ira P. and Harriet L. (Follensby) Long.
Mary C. Jackson (Topsfield), dau. of Charles V. and Mary C.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

- Oct. 23. { William J. Goodale (Danvers), son of George and Mary A. (Anderson) Goodale.
Luella Pearson (Topsfield), dau. of Loring A. and Mary A. C. (Tobey) Pearson.
- Oct. 30. { Clarence M. Severance (Topsfield), son of Frederick and Margaret E. (Maynard) Severance.
Catherine E. McNevin (Topsfield), dau. of John and Mary (Dunning) McNevin.

FOR THE YEAR 1912.

BIRTHS.

1911.

- Oct. 12. ——— son of Harry M. and Catherine (McNevin) Smith.
- Dec. 29. ——— son of J. Howard and Delia R. (Baker) Burnett.

1912.

- Jan. 23. ——— dau. of Paul and Lucia (Le Caporal) La Cassessa.
- March 13. Spencer Linwood, son of Ralph E. and Ines L. (Stetson) Newell.
- March 30. Alexander, son of David and Gesualda (Abbadessa) Gangi.
- March 30. Elizabeth, dau. of John and Margaret (MacClellan) McQuade.
- June 16. Kenneth Leslie, son of Leslie L. and Isabelle P. (Smerage) Ingalls.
- July 7. Ormond C., Jr., son of Ormond C. and Elizabeth (Carnes) Taylor.
- July 19. ——— dau. of Pietro A. and Emmanuela (Matteo) DeGisi.
- Aug. 9. Elmer B. Jr., son of Elmer B. and Anna G. (Blaney) Thomas.
- Aug. 10. Priscilla, dau. of Frederick M. and Mabel R. (Towne) Peabody.
- Sept. 12. ——— dau. of John W. and Florence M. (Derry) Fuller.
- Sept. 26. Donald Bartlett, son of Harry O. and Zella E. (Bartlett) Banks.
- Dec. 15. Warren Ferguson, son of Russell C. and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Smith.

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Catherine E. Melin (Topsfield), dau. of John and Mary (Dunning) Melin.
- Nov. 5. { Mark R. Hodges (Topsfield), son of Benjamin and Maria R. (Reynolds) Hodges.
Ida E. Williams (Topsfield), dau. of Henry B. and Frances (Parton) Williams.
- Dec. 8. { George A. Stanwood (Topsfield), son of James W. W. and Susie (Clark) Stanwood.
Bertha E. Titus (Topsfield), dau. of Frank and Ada M. (Porter) Titus.

DEATHS.

1912.

- Feb. 10. Benjamin Johnson, son of Perley and Sarah (Perkins) Balch, aged 85 yrs., 5 mos., 1 day.
- Feb. 17. Josiah P., son of Dudley and Sarah (Perkins), Perkins, aged 79 yrs., 4 mos., 13 days.
- March 2. Martha Rebecca, wife of Leonard E. Woodward and dau. of John C. and Sarah F. (Hoyt) Hubbard, aged 54 yrs., 4 mos., 12 days.
- March 21. Mary Elizabeth, wife of Ira W. Kneeland and dau. of Josiah and Elizabeth (Phillips) Crowell, aged 74 yrs., 5 mos., 2 days.
- April 12. Sarah Elizabeth, dau. of Moses and Sarah E. (Stickney) More, aged 61 yrs., 11 mos., 1 day.
- April 16. Albert W., son of Caleb and Sarah (Bailey) Stevens, aged 75 yrs., 9 mos., 6 days.

April	18.	Domenico, son of Antonio and Filomena Santo (Nicola) Scoglio, aged 8 mos., 5 days.
April	21.	Margaret Y., widow of C. Austin Averill and dau. of Charles and Anna H. (Lake) Sweeney, aged 74 yrs., 8 mos., 29 days.
April	23.	Carrie Lena, dau. of James and Johanna (Carroll) Deickhoff, aged 22 yrs., 3 mos.
May	5.	Lucilla A., dau. of Gideon and Content (Wood) Phillips, aged 80 yrs., 15 days.
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May	15.	Charles W., son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Bolman) Long, aged 85 yrs. 6 mos., 24 days.
May	17.	William Melville, son of James and ——— (Creolman) Ellis, aged 66 yrs., 4 mos., 10 days.
May	24.	Harriet Lucy, widow of Calvin Fuller and dau. of Andrew and Mary (Lake) Gould, aged 75 yrs., 7 days.
June	30.	Carlo, son of Joseph and Saverio (Montcalvo) Gesauldo, aged 19 yrs.
Oct.	4.	Mary S., widow of David G. Perkins and dau. of Anthony and Sarah (Tomkins) Chase, aged 84 yrs., 2 mos., 14 days.
Nov.	3.	James W., son of Thomas and Margaret (Riley) Cass, aged 68 yrs.
Nov.	26.	Elizabeth R., wife of William Keith and dau. of James R. and Jenet (Watt) Michie, aged 43 yrs., 4 mos., 1 day.
Dec.	11.	Elmer B., Jr., son of Elmer B. and Hannah G. (Blaney) Thomas, aged 4 mos., 2 days.
Dec.	17.	Mary L., widow of Warren Nichols and dau. of Andrew and Mary (Lake) Gould, aged 81 yrs., 7 mos., 7 days.
Dec.	20.	James Welch, aged about 55 yrs.

Deaths in Other Places, Interment in Topsfield.

1912.

Jan.	26.	Ida May Phillips, died in Salem, Mass., aged 56 yrs., 1 mo.
Jan.	30.	Mary P. Covey, died in Chelsea, Mass., aged 72 yrs., 10 mos., 3 days.
Jan.	31.	——— Welch, died in West Newbury, Mass., aged 1 day.
March	19.	Charles G. Gotton, died in Danvers, Mass., aged 67 yrs., 11 mos., 26 days.
April	1.	Carrie A. Pingree, died in Middleton, Mass., aged 1 yr. 4 mos., 6 days.
April	21.	Alberta L. Fuller, died in Salem, Mass., aged 1 day.
May	13.	Esther J. Daley, died in Salem, Mass., aged 65 yrs., 2 mos., 2 days.
Aug.	17.	D. B. Pike, died in Old Town, Me., aged 51 yrs.
Aug.	18.	Ernest B. Elliott, died in Haverhill, Mass., aged 33 yrs., 8 days.
Sept.	8.	Caroline A. Castle, died in Chelsea, Mass., aged 32 yrs., 7 mos., 3 days.
Sept.	22.	Louise A. Butterick, died in Boxford, Mass., aged 48 yrs., 9 mos., 16 days.
Nov.	27.	Mary E. Fuller, died in Lawrence, Mass., aged 19 yrs., 11 mos., 18 days.

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- Charles P. Potter, Central St.; barn.
- Franklin Balch, Salem St.; piazza.
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